

# No to War – No to NATO

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At the next annual meeting in early March in Ghent, a new international coordinating committee (ICC) will be elected. Among others the duty of the new ICC will be to establish election procedures for the next elections of the ICC which should be decided by the annual meeting.

For this year's election, the ICC proposes the following procedure:

- Every organization in support of the Stuttgart Appeal and the No to War – No to NATO platform paper (both enclosed) are allowed to nominate a person for the ICC.
- That person should email a short CV (if possible), 3-4 lines what he/she want to contribute to the ICC, and for which organization one would be in the ICC for. This information should be written in English and send to [kongress@ialana.de](mailto:kongress@ialana.de) until February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Having this information the current ICC will develop a proposal to the body of the annual meeting.

In general, not more than 2 representatives per country should be in the ICC. The election on the nominees will take place at the annual meeting. Only organizations present at the meeting will be able to vote (please find the discussions on the election procedures of the ICC here: <http://www.no-to-nato.org/wp-content/uploads/icc-election-procedures-as-of-meetings-in-october-and-november.pdf>)

In considering nominating a person for the ICC please read the following information carefully:

## What is the network?

“No to war – No to NATO” is an international network of groups and organisations from a wide political spectrum united in their opposition to NATO, NATO's wars in Afghanistan, Lybia, etc. and NATO's increasingly aggressive global role. It is open to all groups and organisations who share our opposition to NATO, as long as they do not support oppressive regimes or ideologies, and do not practice or endorse racism, sexism, and other forms of oppression. All groups of the network are in support for the network's Stuttgart Appeal as well as for the network's platform paper. ( Stuttgart declaration and Network platform paper see enclosed)

The network is committed to only use non-violent means in its activities against NATO: demonstrations, civil disobedience and nonviolent direct action, conferences, education, and other activities. Our struggle against NATO is part of a movement for a more peaceful and justice world.

To achieve our vision of a peaceful world, we reject military responses to global and regional crises – these are part of the problem, not part of the solution. We reject all attacks on international law and the sidelining of the United Nations. We refuse to live under the terror of nuclear weapons, and reject a new arms race. A drastic decrease of military expenditure and a world without nuclear weapons is necessary – directing resources instead to meeting human needs. We must close down all foreign military bases, and all military structures used for war and military intervention. We call for the abolition of NATO: it should be dissolved and dismantled. We must democratise and demilitarise the

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relations between peoples, push for conflict resolution and common security, and establish new forms of peaceful cooperation to build a more secure and just world.

## **What is the International Coordinating Committee No to War – No to NATO (ICC)?**

The ICC is the working body of the network comprised of individuals whose organizations are working in the network. It gets elected by the body of the annual meeting of the network. Generally the ICC members are nominated by the national or international organizations.

## **What is the job of the ICC?**

The “job” of the ICC is to develop the Network, f.e. in exchanging information and communicate frequently. At least twice a year the ICC (or parts of it) should meet in person. The ICC has the responsibility to intensify/ coordinate communication within the network, to coordinate the work of the network on specific topics, and to develop and conduct events with the network. The ICC fulfills the decisions of the annual meeting. The work in the ICC is voluntary (honorifique, honorifico, volunatio) and does not get paid. Working language of the ICC is English.

Working in the ICC one should

- be part of an organization of the No to War – No to NATO – network,
- have time and funds to participate in international telephone conferences about every 2-3 months,
- have the time and funds to participate in meetings in persona about twice a year,
- be able to communicate (written and oral) in English,
- have spare time to work for the network's projects / actions
- be helping organizing events of the Network
- be open for compromises and solidarity

We are looking forward to seeing you in Ghent and towards receiving nominations for the ICC.

Greetings,

Reiner

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Berlin, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2013