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**An appeal from Sarajevo by the “No to War – No to NATO” network – Protest against NATO, join us in Wales**

A conference on “NATO 2014: It talks of peace but wages war” held last week at the Peace Event in Sarajevo, drew attention to the dangers presented by the continuing expansion of NATO and the possibility of further military intervention and aggression around the world. As a consequence of this discussion it was agreed that a call should be made to people of Europe and the world to join us in a week of activities focussing on the NATO Summit meeting in Newport, Wales 4-5 September 2014.

The situation in the Ukraine has been rapidly escalated to a point where people are once again faced with the ridiculous possibility of a war involving nuclear armed super power opponents. NATO is trying to capitalise on the crisis by urging its members to spend more on defence. We believe that the time has come for citizens of the world to reject war and the military methods that are employed by nation states and alliances such as NATO.

We are planning a two day conference (day 1, August 31<sup>st</sup>, in Cardiff, day 2, 1<sup>st</sup> September, in Newport) to analyse and discuss NATO, military intervention and the alternatives. There will also be a protest march against NATO in Newport on August 30<sup>th</sup> and a number of meetings and activities in Cardiff and Newport in the week preceding the Summit.

At a time when the world is faced with global problems of resource limitations, climate change and nuclear proliferation we need to be fostering widespread cooperation to arrive at sustainable and humanitarian solutions – concepts of military security employed by NATO and others do not meet the needs of people or of the planet. We need to develop and adopt other ideas about security.

Please join us, be part of the demonstration, add your voice in the demand for change – more information can be found on the “No to War, No to NATO” website – <http://www.no-to-nato.org/>

Our demands are simple and straight forward:

1. No any increases in military spending;
2. No to war, NATO-expansionism and military interventions;
3. No to the militarization of the EU;
4. Yes to disarmament and development – spend much less on the military and much more on human needs.

The International Coordinating Committee No to War – No to Nato