



OPEN WORLD CONFERENCE
Against War
and Exploitation

Algiers, November 19th–20th & 21st 2010

LETTER
to the 463 endorsers
from 54 countries

who have called for holding
an “*Open World Conference*
***against War and Exploitation*”**

Dear Friends and Comrades,

We are pleased to inform you that the “*Open World Conference against War and Exploitation*” will be held in Algiers on November 19th-20th & 21st, 2010.

You are the 463 militant workers and trade union or political leaders from 54 countries who answered to the proposal put out by the *International Liaison Committee of Workers and Peoples* for the organisation of this conference.

Why in Algeria?



In this country, the struggle against war and exploitation is heavy with meaning. The Algerian people have sacrificed much in the fight for national emancipation, to lay the foundations of the sovereignty of the nation. In the wake of this struggle, workers have been led to building up their own organisations.

Holding this open world conference in Algiers has been made possible by the undertaking of the *Workers' Party of Algeria* and its parliamentary group, as well as through the backing of the *General Union of Algerian Workers* trade union.

Every care will be taken to ensure that the conference be held with every view to practicality and in the best of material conditions, benefiting from the traditional hospitality of the Algerian people. For the first time since the International Liaison Committee of Workers and Peoples was founded in 1991, based on the "*Manifesto against War and Exploitation*", a world conference will thus take place on the continent of Africa, so terribly ravaged by the politics of privatisation, of decay and wars organised by international institutions such as the *International Money Fund* (the IMF), the *World Bank* and the *World Trade Organisation* (the WTO).

The call that you launched several months ago rings even more just today as we reach the end of 2009. The quagmire of the war of international intervention in Afghanistan, the dismantling of Iraq, the threats that have resurfaced over the Middle East clearly show that the spectre of war has become more menacing than ever. As for the exploitation of the working class and the threats to the independence of its organisations, they are now present and more menacing everywhere in the world, because of the crisis.

It is therefore urgent to debate, to share experiences, so that the struggle of workers and youth in every country be strengthened and confirmed by the international framework where it takes place.

That is why we are happy and proud to confirm the date and the venue of this *conference against war and exploitation*. Let's meet in Algeria next November.

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Secretary General of the
Workers' Party of Algeria

Daniel Gluckstein,
International co-ordinator of the
International Liaison Committee of Workers and Peoples

Ps. Practical information concerning registration for the conference along with proposals for the agenda will follow in the coming weeks.

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Eighteen years ago, in January 1991, on the eve of the first murderous war against the Iraqi people, activists from all horizons, delegates of labour and democratic organisations from 53 countries, founded the International Liaison Committee of Workers and Peoples (ILC) in Barcelona, Spain. The “*Manifesto Against War and Exploitation*” adopted at this founding conference affirmed the indissoluble link between the appalling war that was being prepared and the social system founded on the exploitation of labour by capital. It stated, in part:

“We are against war. Workers and peoples worldwide are against war because they know that war will mean a further step toward oppression and exploitation, which, under the aegis of the IMF, the European Economic Community (EEC) and the Trilateral Commission promote deregulation and unemployment, destroy education and culture, tear down factories, and lay agriculture to waste in every country and on every continent. War would mean a further step toward the subordination of labour organisations, first and foremost the trade unions, to the State — a deadly threat to their independence”

**Where those activists from every horizon
correct when they affirmed this**

Eighteen years have elapsed. Domestic conflicts as well as conflicts between nations are ceaselessly erupting. Wars have devastated Afghanistan, then Iraq again, the Middle East, the Balkans, the Caucasus; entire regions of Africa have been plunged in a blood bath. Such wars, back in 2001, were depicted by former U.S. President George W. Bush as part of the “*total war — economic, social, political, military.*”

Eighteen years have elapsed. Is it possible for labour and democratic rights activists and organisations the world over not to be alarmed by the escalation of conflict in the Middle East today, particularly Israel’s military assault on Gaza, one of the most densely populated places on the planet, and by its ongoing collective punishment of the people of Gaza? Is it possible for those who seek peace and justice to remain silent in the face of this aggression and the suffering it has inflicted?

Is it possible to ignore the link between the dangerous escalation of the war in the Middle East and the tide of layoffs, plant closures and wholesale job destructions that are hitting the working classes on every continent — underscoring the the depth of the world crisis of the economic regime founded on the private ownership of the means of production?

According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), by the end of January 2009, the number of unemployed in 2009 compared with 2007 could climb from 30 million to 51 million, while more than 200 million people could join the ranks of “*highly impoverished workers.*”

In China, tens of thousands of “migrant workers” are being fired from bankrupt factories and thrown on the highways, where they face a future of starvation.

In the United States, in the historic industrial belt of the “Big Three” auto plants, jobs are already being slashed by the tens of thousands, while 2 million American families have been evicted from their homes in the aftermath of the 2007 “sub-prime” crisis. ...

In Africa, Asia and Latin America, entire nations have to bow to the “supervision” of international financial institutions, which themselves fall prey to the crisis.

“Old Europe” has not been spared, quite the reverse: From East to West, an unprecedented mounting tide of layoffs is undermining the very bases of the industrial core where the labour movement came into being.

And those who are responsible for that disaster have the nerve to affirm that the only solution for the working class and its organisations would be to be co-opted into the “global governance” — that is, to join and collaborate in the implementation of the so-called “stimulus packages” that inject hundreds of billion dollars and euros back into the banks for yet more speculation, thereby causing still further destruction of the labour force and of all the gains that have been wrenched through class struggle.

Everywhere, those who are responsible for the crisis have the nerve to order labour organisations to give up their identity, their mandate, their prerogatives — that is, the right to strike, the right to negotiate and reach collective-bargaining agreements, the right to defend the specific interests of Labour against Capital; those rights without which democracy would be non-existent.

And yet, on every continent, the working class is seeking to use the organisations that it has created through class struggle; it is seeking to preserve its very existence through strikes, demonstrations, and through its obstinate rejection of destructive and dislocating wars.

Therefore, with our various origins and backgrounds, is it not our task to call a World Conference, open widely on the international level to all the forces of the labour and democratic movements that refuse the orders of those who want the labouring masses and the peoples to foot the bill of the crisis which they, the ruling elite, have themselves brought into being — a World Conference open to all those who consider that preserving the total independence of the labour organisations and gains is vital?

In each of our countries and continents, our histories and experiences vary, but we are united by the same refusal of war and exploitation which brings us to consider that opening this discussion on the world level is an urgent task.

**We have decided to call upon all, activists, labour officials
and organisations to convene a broad-based
Open World Conference Against War and Exploitation
on November 19th-20th & 21st, 2010.**



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“Manifesto against War and Exploitation” adopted in January 1991 by the Open World Conference of Barcelona

In a world in which all the evils resulting from the survival of an economic system based upon exploitation and oppression are accumulating, the new world order Bush and Gorbachev want to impose in defence of profit and speculation, with the support of all the governments represented in the United Nations, will lead to the increased oppression of dominated peoples and the increased exploitation of the working class on a world scale.

War and the successive slaughters, famines and epidemics it would breed would represent a formidable step backward, and maybe a death blow for human civilisation itself.

We, delegates from 53 countries meeting in Barcelona on January 4, 1991, refuse those political, economic and social necessities of the imperialist system which demand the repayment of a debt which is not the peoples' debt and which jeopardise all the social gains of the working class the world over.

We are against war. Workers and oppressed peoples throughout the world are against war for they know that war would mean increasing exploitation and oppression under the aegis of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the European Economic Community (EEC) and the Trilateral Commission. This would lead to increasing deregulation, unemployment, destruction of education and culture, destruction of factories, and the desertification of the countryside on all continents. War would mean new steps toward the subordination of labour organisations, and first of all the trade unions, to the State, thereby threatening their very independence.

As peoples and workers who are struggling on all continents, we know through our own experience that the governments of every political color which are at the service of imperialism will try to suppress all our rights and social gains under the cover of war.

Conscious of the fact that every minute governments throughout the world are wasting \$2 million for

military budgets, while, according to the UNICEF itself, 150 million children in the dominated countries of Africa, Latin America and Asia are going to die for lack of food and health-care before the year 2000;

Conscious that the interests of peoples and workers in all countries make it necessary to oppose war;

We decide to set up an International Committee Against War, against Bush's new world order supported by Gorbachev and all the governments represented in UN. This new order is nothing but a cover for the imperialist system's drive to intensify oppression and exploitation.

We demand first and foremost the suppression of military budgets and the allocation of these sums to peace objectives and the satisfaction of basic human needs.

We demand the dismantling of all military bases throughout the world.

We are conscious that the future will not be easy.

A whole world is collapsing.

Considering that it is our duty to wage a struggle to help the peoples and workers to save humanity from war by their own activity,

We state our faith in the workers' capacity to free themselves from the chains of exploitation and oppression the world over and to establish a world where harmonious collaboration between nations and workers will replace a barbarism which daily reaches new heights.

**GOVERNMENTS,
BEWARE OF THE PEOPLES' REVOLT**

NO TO WAR!