

TRIBUNAL PERMANENTE de los PUEBLOS  
contra la guerra imperialista y la OTAN



**PERMANENT PEOPLES' TRIBUNAL AGAINST  
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## Presentation

The Permanent Peoples' Tribunal Against Imperialist War and NATO is a citizens' initiative intended at once to act as an observatory on wars, their causes, their consequences and their culprits, and to serve as a channel for the creation of an archive to preserve the memory of the barbarity that is war and of peoples' resistance to it.

The media would have us believe that wars always happen beyond our frontiers, that we can do nothing to prevent them, that no-one is responsible for them, and even if there are culprits they cannot be held to account.

But the fact is that in a globalised world no-one is unaffected by war. We as peoples are morally bound to bear witness, and as Bertrand Russell said about the Vietnam war, *“Our task is to make mankind bear witness to these terrible crimes and to unite humanity on the side of justice...”* (Second Session of the International War Crimes Tribunal, November 1967).

Ignorance is no justification for passivity in the face of more than 31 currently ongoing armed conflicts. Since the Second World War, wars have caused 16 million deaths; 90% of the victims have been civilians, and of these 75% have been women and children. The year 2014 ended with a record figure of 51.3 million displaced persons.

Undoubtedly it is the Western countries and their coalitions which have been behind this global war and which constitute the main threat to peace.

We are convinced that war is neither a matter of chance nor of fate; it is the result of a predatory, unjust economic system based on exploitation and extermination, and no-one has the right to remain indifferent.

**The Permanent Peoples' Tribunal Against Imperialist War and NATO hereby declares its firm resolve to cooperate with all persons, organisations or social forces who speak out against imperialist war and its instruments and urges them to contact us via electronic mail at [tribunalcontralaguerra@gmail.com](mailto:tribunalcontralaguerra@gmail.com)**

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## **History of the Tribunal**

The forum *Estamos en guerra* [We are at war] against imperialist war and NATO was conceived late in 2014 as an initiative of the Alliance of Anti-imperialist Intellectuals, for the purpose of organising sessions of debate and analysis on war in order to help raise awareness and mobilise society against the largest NATO military manoeuvres since the Second World War, which were scheduled to take place in South-Western Europe (largely on Spanish territory) in October 2015.

The forum *Estamos en guerra* held public debates throughout 2015, with the participation of experts in various areas and manifestations of imperialist war. These sessions analysed different aspects of the permanent state of war which imperialism is now imposing on the planet: international law, economics, the media, covert intervention to undermine the sovereignty of peoples, and the role of NATO as the chief agent through which the powerful impose their will on the poor of the earth.

After a year of work involving intellectuals, militants and political and social organisations, the participants in the Forum (the Promoting Group) decided to set up a Permanent Peoples' Tribunal Against Imperialist War and NATO with the object of embodying and disseminating social and political condemnation of the situation created by military interventions.

To that end a Tribunal portal was opened on the Forum's website and anyone interested was invited to take part. The first constituent sessions of the Tribunal were held in Madrid on 6, 7 and 8 November 2015. An Advisory Committee was set up (annex 1) with all those persons who had sent in communications or other elements for debate. Messages of support for the initiative were also received from people who did not make specific contributions to the debating material. These made up the Tribunal's Support Group (annex 2).

This is intended to be a permanent tribunal, and therefore the Promoting Group is now working on preparations for more sessions, on planning of documentation and dissemination, and on reinforcing networks for cooperation with people and organisations who share our concerns.

## **The First Constituent Sessions of the Tribunal**

The first sessions opened on 6 November at the *Unión General de Trabajadores* (UGT) headquarters in Madrid, and thus the Tribunal was formally constituted. They were attended by close to 80 persons, who had previously been furnished with copies of the contributions from the Advisory Committee. They were divided into four work groups, with the following remits:

## "NATO" Work Group

NATO is an instrument used by imperialist elites to dominate the world, with the support of the member countries' armed forces. It is the arm whereby these elites plunder third countries so as to ensure their own survival.

### **The Work Group's tasks are:**

- To analyse the actions and methods of NATO, which are entirely at odds with its declarations of principles.
- To examine cases where NATO has acted as an offensive rather than a defensive force.
- To analyse cases of member countries where there is evidence that NATO has acted against the interests of the population using strategies of tension-building, intervention and manipulation of democratic processes, and even coups d'état.
- To denounce war crimes and cases of genocide committed by NATO in its "humanitarian" missions.
- To examine cases of training camps for radical groups which have been used to provoke the violent overthrow of governments (Camp Bucca in Iraq, Ukraine, Baltic States).
- To warn of the danger its actions pose to world peace, by violating treaties like the NNPT or through its inexorable eastward expansion. NATO is deliberately trying to provoke war with Russia, and that could easily turn into a nuclear war, endangering all mankind.
- To analyse cases of breach of international law and manipulation of international organisations
- To denounce use of the media to spread warmongering propaganda, to demonise regimes targeted for attack and to promote tension-building and scaremongering.

## "War and media" Work Group

The major media corporations are one of the main instruments used to prepare and carry out imperialist wars.

### **The Work Group's tasks are:**

- To analyse the way in which the media operate to mould public opinion in favour of war.
- To denounce the interests of media enterprises and their ties to other enterprises with

stakes in armed conflicts.

- To denounce and document propaganda campaigns that justify armed interventions.
- To denounce and condemn those responsible for such media campaigns.
- To analyse, and denounce where appropriate, the role of journalists in promoting and encouraging wars.
- To denounce States which fail to take responsibility for codes of media ethics.
- To denounce media monopolies and their role in producing stereotypes that promote violence and war.
- To propose and gather initiatives that promote media in the service of peace, cooperation and understanding.
- To gather specific testimony and accusations against mass media which engage in manipulation, concealment and fraud in order to favour war.

### "War refugees" Work Group

The constant increase of military interventions instigated from the heart of the empire is causing an entirely unprecedented refugee crisis. At the same time this crisis is being used to spur demands by populations that their governments do something to halt the avalanche, while concealing the root cause of the phenomenon.

#### **The Work Group's tasks are:**

- To denounce the constant and progressive increase in the number of displaced populations and refugees in the world.
- To denounce and condemn the fact that this is the result of an imperialist strategy of dispossession and territorial control founded on war.
- To denounce and condemn the evasion of responsibility, the arbitrariness and the impunity that mark the conduct of the imperialist coalition.
- To denounce the fact that the majority of the recipient countries and communities are ones with poorer resources.
- To denounce and condemn the closing of borders to displaced persons and refugees.
- To denounce and condemn the progressive disappearance of legal avenues for the protection of displaced persons and refugees.
- To denounce and condemn media and institutional campaigns that criminalise

displaced populations and refugees.

- To denounce and condemn media and institutional campaigns that against all reason seek to present the aggressors as benefactors and protectors of displaced populations and refugees.
- To denounce and condemn the treatment of displaced persons and refugees by the Spanish State.
- To gather accounts of resistance to these policies.
- To gather specific testimony and accusations in this connection.

### "Low-Intensity Wars and Coups d'État" Work Group

The empire uses a variety of low-intensity war strategies to destabilise disobedient countries. What we call "low-intensity war" means all forms of aggression that fall short of confrontation between national armies: blockades, mercenary armies, paramilitaries, proxy wars, coups d'état and all kinds of "covert operations".

"Low-intensity war" in its manifold forms is also permanently ongoing and has often been the lead-up to open war and/or a coup d'état.

#### **The Work Group's tasks are:**

- To analyse and demonstrate how imperial power groups operate in sovereign countries. To define and classify destabilisation methods. To condemn interference.
- To analyse and denounce the relationship between the empire-friendly "opposition" and the American and European power groups that support it. To condemn support and financing of violence and terrorism (e.g. in ALBA countries).
- To denounce the political, financial and military organisations behind low-intensity wars. Banks. Multinational Corporations. Parties.
- To denounce and condemn the use of blockades, economic warfare, drug trafficking and terrorism as strategies of imperial warfare.
- To denounce and condemn the role played by NGOs, groups and movements specifically funded to promote such low-intensity warfare.
- To denounce, analyse and condemn institutional coups d'état (e.g. in Paraguay, Honduras and elsewhere).
- To analyse and condemn the impunity of persons culpable of genocide, and the connivance of justice systems and States in shielding the culprits (e.g. in Guatemala, Paraguay, Mexico, Colombia and elsewhere).

- To show how the empire operates in cases of war crimes and crimes against humanity: impunity and protection of the people responsible. To demand that the direct perpetrators and those ultimately responsible be brought to justice.
- To analyse, demonstrate and condemn State terrorism, persecution and repression of peoples who resist the empire.
- To analyse and publicise the forms of resistance that peoples have developed to bring those responsible to justice. Trials to combat impunity. Memory as a weapon of resistance. Pending trials.
- To show that there is an intimate link between paramilitarism in the various countries under attack and the centres of empire.
- To create a memory archive with testimony and data on the impunity of organised crime.
- To promote and demand the trial and punishment of persons responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

## **Conclusions of the Tribunal**

The constituent sessions of the Tribunal concluded at the UGT headquarters in Madrid on 8 November 2015 following two plenary sessions where the draft resolutions were debated. The following guests addressed the assembly, stressing the timeliness of the Tribunal's constitution in view of the imperialist interventions ongoing in each of the areas they represent:

Vera Rodionova, of “Essence of Time”, on the crisis in Ukraine.

Leila Ghanem, President of the Beirut Social Forum, on Palestine and the Middle East.

Mario Isea, Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Tribunal passed a Resolution of denunciation and condemnation on behalf of each of its constituent Work Groups. It also passed a General Resolution summarising all the findings of the constituent sessions and incorporating the individual resolutions of the Work Groups. All these are reproduced on the following pages.

## GENERAL RESOLUTION

### INTRODUCTION

The TPPCGIO held its first ordinary session in Madrid on November 6-8, 2015. More than 70 participants registered and four work groups covered the following issues: NATO, the media, refugees and conflicts of low intensity. These groups worked on more than 30 documents, some of which were developed by the TPPCGIO secretariat. The results of the work groups were presented at the first plenary session for their debate by all the members of the Tribunal. The partial resolutions which reflect these results are annexed. This First Resolution of the TPPCGIO is a consequence of their discussions.

### FIRST RESOLUTION OF THE TPPCGIO

#### **I.- Statement of intent: to judge war, its instruments and those responsible for it.**

Since the creation of the United Nations in 1945 as an organisation capable of “pacifically solving international controversies”, the different kinds of war that have devastated the world have grown and grown.

The figures, which demonstrate that in the thriving war market human life is a falling asset, are disastrous: 16.5 million deaths; nearly 70 million displaced persons in 2015 and even greater numbers of victims with permanent physical and mental damage. Although within the construction of the enemy, populations do not explicitly figure as such because for this purpose particular forms of government, rulers or ideologies are resorted to, populations pay an unbearable price. In the last decade, 90% of the people affected are civil non-fighting victims and 70% of these are women and children.

This situation is unequally distributed: on the one hand, the self-named “Western world”, which are white developed countries militarily grouped around NATO and the United States, which account for 70% of the world’s armed forces and whose core is made up of countries of imperialist tradition and under the U.S.A.’s command: UK, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, The Netherlands, Turkey. Along with these countries is Israel, the Zionist colonial state which plays a crucial role in maintaining imperialist domination in the Middle East; in solidarity with the Palestinian cause, this Tribunal has decided to adopt the terminology ‘Zionist entity’ from this point on. And on the other hand, the ethnically diverse ‘third world’ as it is called by the West, which has endured for centuries the plundering of Western colonialism, scenario of most armed conflicts and where 86% of displaced persons are located.

While in the United Nations Charter of 1945 it is established that “All Members shall refrain in

their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state”, the productive and scientific-technical development of recent decades has created a complex system of economic, political and social relations which open the possibility of unlimited expansion of the Western empire to the whole planet.

This empire acts under the assumption that only its control of the world will guarantee subsistence; a world regarded as business by the big international corporations, whose sole reason for existence is economic accumulation, under the acceptance that this is not possible without the accumulation of power and the forces necessary to exercise it. If its objective is unlimited, then so are its methods and consequences. The privatisation of armies, mercenaries and the creation of chaos in entire countries entail unlimited brutality.

Up to now, these expeditionary actions have been carried out in countries with a limited capacity of response. However, countries with significant war capacity are currently being harassed following the same strategy: criminalisation, isolation and aggression. Phases one and two are already under way, but if the third phase takes place, the consequences would be unpredictable.

In this world of war, imperialism needs to control any internal resistance and, along with the repression and suppression of rights, it is building a culture of warmongering where the use of force is accepted and war and its consequences are justified. This culture tells us who are our enemies, it conceals its causes, it minimises and justifies its consequences and above all it erases from our memory its own history with the intention of repeating it. A media army participates by supplying the necessary elements to pervert reality and convince the population that violence and destruction are necessary to save humanity.

Imperialist war is based on arbitrariness; the rules are established by the powerful and changed depending on the object of persecution; concealing its ulterior objectives, all actions become exceptional and self justified. Under these conditions, impunity is guaranteed.

This is how a reality full of contradictions is shaped and imperialism, whose objectives are planetary, becomes a bunker and converts itself into an immense fortress surrounded by ever higher, longer and more sharpened fences. It is very difficult to show the real dimension of imperialism today because it has learnt how to become invisible. Imperialism today uses strategies which erase its own trace, going beyond propaganda or misleading information. Imperialism is capable of conquering territories without military occupation, by deploying undercover operations or drones. It has neither leadership, because each imperialist power operates with relative independence, nor a united command, because ultimately the different powers manage to harmonise their interests. Imperialism, as we have said, operates to benefit rich white countries thanks to the collusion of the elites of countries which do not possess any of these attributes. In practice it succeeds in showing itself as defensive because it is very difficult to trace its responsibility as the creator of threats. Imperialism is not a perverse imposition on the goodwill of the peoples of the world; it has become part of global political logic.

Just like other issues so decisive for peoples' lives, imperialist war is out of their reach, so only the creation of an organised social response can oppose this brutality and prevent the impunity of the people responsible. The intention of the TPPCGIO is to be part of this process of popular

organisation.

The popular nature of this Tribunal does not fit in the current legal code. However, it will submit before the corresponding judicial authority sufficiently documented denunciations. On the other hand, this Tribunal will issue political and social condemnations in agreement with its objectives; likewise it will particularly denounce and condemn the mechanisms which permit and protect impunity.

## **II.- Concerning the permanent nature of TPPCGIO**

This Tribunal will proceed with its work along the following guidelines:

- By spreading the work and resolutions of the Tribunal.
- By promoting contacts, coordination and cooperation with individuals, groups and organisations which condemn imperialist war and NATO.
- By creating communication channels to receive information, denunciations and proposals of action.
- By creating and maintaining an archive and documentary collection.
- By continuing with the current work groups and creating new ones.
- By convening new sessions of the Tribunal, both ordinary and monographic.

## **III.- Summary of the work carried out by the work groups and presented in the plenary session**

The following is a summary of the work carried out in each working session based on the exposition of the rapporteurs. For a more complete account of the sessions, we invite you to consult the partial resolutions.

**The NATO work group** has defined this military alliance as the essential element of the war structure of the Western empire, comprised of the most developed and richest countries of the planet, and the class domination structure. It was discussed how NATO generates a continuous demand for arms investment; that it resorts more and more to secret services, special operation units, mercenaries and other similar militia, etc., as a way to elude the control of its own criminal activities; that it systematically exercises control and manipulation of information, developing a war culture that favours impunity; that it identifies, condemns and executes opponents with absolute arbitrariness. The NATO group concludes: (1) that the portrayal of the military alliance as a defensive mechanism is false because it is really an instrument of aggression; (2) that NATO is currently undergoing planetary expansion along with other initiatives of economic and commercial domination; (3) that an absolute betrayal of peoples' sovereignty is taking place as a consequence of the unconditional subjugation of their governments to NATO and the dictates of the United States; (4) that the disciplining and control of internal dissidence is essential to sustain capitalist

domination; (5) that the militarisation of society and fearmongering are characteristics which define the current situation; (6) that the continued use of international organisations and law in its own interest leads to progressive discredit; (7) that NATO establishes alliances with fascist movements and secret services engaging in terrorist activities inside allied countries.

**The media work group** has analysed the behaviour of media in the face of war, denouncing the promotion and justification of war, and the concealment of the atrocities committed. It has defined as its objectives the identification of the interests that sustain this behaviour, the people and institutions involved and the role of states when they do nothing to stop these practices. The media work group has verified that mainstream media belong to a structural framework of banks and holdings, which means they have stopped being mere instruments of power to become the voice of power. It has analysed the vocabulary, stereotypes and discourse used by the media and which facilitate social acceptance of violent and ruthless actions. The session concludes: (1) that the editorials of mainstream media follow their interests within a context of class domination; (2) that three large news agencies generate more than 80% of the news the media publish; (3) that media and journalists are disciplined directly and indirectly in a context of job insecurity; (4) that the disciplining of the population through the media is designed to convince them to accept as normal and usual the brutal situations which wars imply, hiding their origin; (5) that it is proved journalists and intellectuals are paid to be spokespersons of imperialism.

**The refugees work group** observed that the drastic increase, unthinkable only a few years ago, of the number of people leaving their homes is a result of the looting carried out all over the world by Western countries through multinational companies and their participation in military conflicts of an imperialist nature. The extension of the legal term of forced displaced persons to all forced migrants is considered necessary, whatever the cause. It was also pointed out that refugees, in the strict legal sense, are eye witnesses of the moral indignity of current global capitalism. The work group carried out an intense analysis of the contradictions, insufficiency and violations of current national, regional and international law. The refugees work group concludes: (1) that the response of the European Union to this situation has been the closure and militarisation of borders; (2) xenophobic reactions, encouraged by the ruling class, contribute to the division of the working class; (3) that current national, regional and international legislation is systematically breached and that likewise this legislation is at the best totally insufficient as it is frequently designed not merely to obviate the obligation to assist displaced people but rather to aggravate their situation; (4) that these forced migrations of populations are used as weapons of war; (5) that the freezing of the asylum law, the normalisation of illegitimate expulsion and the inhuman deterioration of conditions in the internment centres for foreigners and temporary stay centres for immigrants constitute an involution in the institutional protection of refugees and emigrants in Spain.

**The work group concerning conflicts of low intensity** has pointed out: (a) the connection between imperialism and capitalism; (b) the relationship between the escalation of imperialist aggressions and the significant political, economic, social and cultural opposition to imperialism; (c) that the term “conflicts of low intensity” is, as is the case with other terms discussed, of an ideological nature and should be opposed; for this reason, the term has been maintained to expose its contradictions. The session has articulated its work around the categories of interference, impunity and responsibility, reviewing specific cases which have been chosen for their relevance and the

documentation available during the work sessions. The work group concludes: (1) Peace conversations and negotiation processes are used fraudulently. (2) Local political, social and economic actors are manipulated with the intention of destabilising sovereign countries within a global imperialist strategy and with institutional support towards forces capable of attempting a coup and therefore reactionary. (3) Powers supposedly allied with Spain systematically violate international law. (4) Economic profit is pursued through war. (5) There is absolutely no concern for environmental and climatic damage caused by war. (6) Decisions concerning military issues are made in Spain in a framework of institutional opacity and the absence of democratic guarantees. (7) That the Agreement of commercial association between the European Union and the Zionist entity foresees in Article 2 its cancellation in the event of violation of human rights and democratic principles; for this reason it should be suspended.

#### **IV.- Conclusions**

The TPPCGIO, held in Madrid on November 6-8, 2015,

#### **CONDEMNS**

1. The high command of NATO for their maximum responsibility in these matters.
2. The rulers of the countries which make up NATO or actively cooperate with it.
3. The boards of directors of the companies which promote imperialist domination and benefit from it.
4. The many types of actors (states, bodies, individuals, paramilitary groups, etc.) that enable, by their action or lack of action, the wide range of interference identified by the Tribunal.
5. The absolute insufficiency of current national, regional and international law designed not only to aid impunity through omission or incompetence but also to actively secure it.
6. The unpunished interventions of imperialism all over the world, along with their political, social, economic and environmental effects.
7. The growing activity of NATO as a force of global aggression which feeds military escalation and the arms race.
8. Opaque military decisions which are completely contrary to democratic principles and outside any citizen control or supervision.
9. The specific cases of Venezuela, Donbass (the Ukraine) and the Middle East, in particular Palestine and Syria, where imperialist harassment and aggression are concentrated and endured.

#### **DEMANDS**

1. Public acknowledgement of the people responsible for the situations denounced by the Tribunal.
2. Moral compensation for the victims and the enforcement, at the very least, of current legislation, along with the restitution of the harm inflicted in human, economic,

- social and environmental terms.
3. The elimination of the conditions which enable imperialist aggression with a view to avoiding them in the future.
  4. In the case of Spain, the exit from NATO, the withdrawal of the US military bases and the drastic reduction of military expenditure.

### **CONSEQUENTLY**

The TPPCGIO calls on social movements and organisations to support these condemnations and fight for the Tribunal's demands.

## **SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS**

### **I.- Specific Resolution of the NATO work group**

The NATO work group analysed the proposals received and classified their arguments. In the first place, a description of NATO was elaborated, followed by a portrayal of the way it works and finishing with a series of specific denunciations to be incorporated in the General Resolution for subsequent examination by the Tribunal.

#### **What is NATO?**

NATO is a military alliance and the essential feature of the war structure of the Western empire formed by the most developed and wealthy countries of the planet. It is one more element of the planetary structure of class denomination, built to guarantee the USA's hegemony after winning the Second World War and coinciding in time with the creation of the colonial state of Israel as its bastion for the geostrategic control of the Middle East.

It refers to itself as a defensive organisation, although its activity has been essentially offensive in the last 25 years. The sole justification for war is legitimate self-defence in the event of an aggression. This has never occurred in NATO's history.

NATO has close links with the United States army as the main military arm of the domination structures of the allies' elites, where big business and the financial powers of the Anglo-Saxon axis play a significant role.

In recent years, NATO has embarked on a process of planetary expansion, along with other initiatives of domination, of an economic and commercial nature (particularly transnational free trade treaties) which pursue the extension of the neoliberal paradigm, eliminating rights and the living conditions of the underprivileged.

This expansion follows the imperialist pattern of the United States armed forces, which has established more than 700 military bases in the 5 continents, with the purpose of controlling the entire planet. According to the North Atlantic Treaty itself, military command corresponds to the USA; this demonstrates the hegemonic nature of the latter in the organisation.

## **How does NATO work?**

By systematically controlling and manipulating information, both in the media and the cultural industry, NATO provides contents with the aim of promoting a war culture which considers its existence inevitable and its violence acceptable, concealing the aspects which make it an object of rejection. All this contributes to the impunity of the people responsible for the violence exerted on the peoples of the world.

By waging wars of domination and plunder which adopt different forms depending on the object, but which always follow the sequence of criminalisation, isolation and aggression to eliminate resistance, and resorting to the dismantling of the state or the destruction of its structures. This permits the development of big business, protected by swarms of mercenaries and security contractors in a process of repopulation which is the hallmark of today's imperialism.

By generating a constant demand for investment in weapons to feed the powerful military industry of the main Western economies and sustain the USA's.

By carrying out all kind of kidnappings, tortures or out-of-court executions with total arbitrariness, supported by inexistent situations of an 'exceptional nature' to justify and safeguard the material authors with guarantees of impunity. This exceptional nature becomes a systematic practice and constitutes a dictatorial way of exercising power, overlaying the rule of law.

By resorting more and more to the use of secret services, special operation units, mercenaries, security contractors, similar militias and armies which intervene in a 'non-conventional war' as a way to elude democratic control of its criminal activities.

## **Consequently, the NATO work group denounces:**

The repeated and fraudulent invocation for NATO to provide security to the West, when it is evident that its actions have only generated instability, chaos and insecurity, causing millions of victims.

The complete betrayal of peoples' sovereignty through the unconditional subjugation of their governments to NATO and the dictates of the USA.

The disciplining and control of internal dissidence is essential for the system of capitalist domination through the militarisation of society and the fear of inexistent, vague enemies or created deliberately by its own activity.

The constant abuse of its control of international organisations in its own interest, leading to a gradual discredit of the only instruments of control humanity has been able to devise and safeguarding the impunity of the perpetrators of its war crimes.

The express violation of commitments acquired by allied states with international organisations such as the United Nations or the Geneva conventions.

The assimilation of a fascist narrative with new elements: concepts such as democracy, human rights, freedom, etc. are used and manipulated to sustain neoliberal rhetoric which considers any

alien state as an impediment to business development (and consequently an objective to be disarmed or destroyed), whilst NATO claims the right to impose its will on others.

The imposition of a civilising project as the only one possible, based on the teleology of the 'manifest destiny' of the USA which scorns the genuine needs and desires of the peoples of peripheral countries.

The influence on regional and emerging powers in the arms race, increasing the risk of unforeseen devastation while diverting huge resources from social requirements.

The opaque use of all kinds of technological developments to control and dominate, including climate manipulation, robotic and intelligent weapons and massive media surveillance.

The planetary imposition of military logic, subordinating that of human needs.

## **II.- Specific Resolution of the Media Work Group**

The Media Work Group hold a meeting the days 6 and 7 of November, with the aims of analysing the media behaviour in the face of war and where appropriate report the promotion and justification war practices from on side, and the concealment of atrocities committed by them on the other hand.

Within the denunciation objectives it is also the identification of the interests that sustain this behaviour, the people and institutions involved and the role of the states when they do nothing to stop these practices.

### **1.- In relation to the character of the mass media**

#### **EXPOSES:**

That the financial groups control not only the mass media but also the very same arm industry. In particular , Zionist groups and the state of Israel itself simultaneously control both sectors and are a key factor in the promotion of war. It is noted that this penetration has occurred in specific cases as in the newspaper L' Humanite whose annual feast was funded by groups dedicated to the production of weapons. Other groups such as the opus dei play similar roles.

That most of the media are owned by banks and holdings and therefore in their editorial lines correspond to the interests of these corporations. Theses holding at the global level are groups of companies whose main activity is not always in the field of communication, it is also the energy, the military industry, etc... So that there does not seem to be in particular interests on the part of the media corporations to promote peace and conflict resolution. Specifically the holding company that controls the newspaper “ EL País “ has properties in concessionaires to the oil industry in Venezuela and its editorial is consistent with this interest, apart from other ideological constraints. It is documented the support of this newspaper to the coup in Venezuela.

The new information and communication technologies have favoured the concentration and expansion of the ownership of the mass media.

In this process, the media have ceased to be mere instruments of power, i.e. they are substantive part of power itself to become its voice.

## **DENOUNCES:**

That there is a high opacity regarding the share packages of these holdings and their direct interests. That there is no legal framework for the transparency and the knowledge of the citizens on the ownership of the media.

That there have been cases of involvement of the media corporations in coups and promotion of the destabilization of governments and low intensity wars, responding to their corporate interests and not to the interest of peace.

## **Commitments of the Media Work Group in relation to this issue:**

The Group is committed to do a follow up and point out the web of interests of the major media corporations involved in the promotion of destabilization and war situations.

Inquire at the Patents and Trademarks Office about the ownership of the media corporations. Investigate the shareholding of the main media and its connection with the weapon industry.

## **2. In relation to the functioning of the media :**

### **EXPOSES:**

That there are many cases in which the mass media use partial sources not proven or false. There are three big news agencies which generate more than 80 per cent of the news that the media disseminated. Public agencies have been decreasing, as well as the direct correspondents of the public media.

That both the public and private media seek the spectacular in the news and respond to interests of political parties or companies. The communication model tends to favour the private versus public, especially in the case of the Spanish state.

### **DENOUNCES:**

That the media uses a terminology that promotes stereotypes and favours the acceptance of war. In particular with regard to the immigration of Africa it is used a vocabulary of war and facilitate the social acceptance of violent and ruthless policing. It is talked about avalanches, the invasion of migrants on the fences of Ceuta and Melilla. This contributes to the naturalization of the repression of migrants and their consideration as enemies.

That the media corporations censored those information against the interests of the large economic groups or organizations devoted to the war as NATO. That is hidden to citizenship the real objectives of these organizations.

That war used as an information topic is a spectacular theme that captures audiences and reverts in advertising revenue, which implies a large presence of the war in the media.

The informative structure used, both in the order of presentation as in the duration, govern the assimilation, the lack of reflection and the uncritical and irrational self-acceptance of war.

That may be documented cases of journalists who acted as mercenaries who have charged for transmitting false and interested information ( Pilar Raola, Hermann Tertsch, Moisés Naim or Alfonso Red ).

That the labour precariousness submits and disciplines journalists preventing them to perform an independent work.

It is alleged that the ownership concentration and the introduction of editors in chief related with the advertising lobbies discipline media and journalists directly through dossiers and the introduction of mercenary journalists or indirectly through selective professional promotion. The labour precariousness favours this disciplining.

### **Commitments of the Group in relation to this theme :**

The Group is committed to monitor and to make complaints in specific cases of media manipulation, falsehood, misrepresentation, concealment, censorship, etc. Once available evidence.

The Group is committed to documenting cases of journalists acting as mercenaries in the service of war interests.

### **3. In relation to the justification of wars :**

#### **EXPOSES:**

That all the wars and armed conflicts are started with propaganda campaigns. These campaigns are created, fed and disseminated both by governments and by the corporations involved . That the media arrive before the armies and military bases.

That in the imperialist war and given the current characteristics of the war ( anywhere in the world at any time ) the propaganda campaigns are constants.

That at the moment there are some propaganda campaigns for war in relation to Syria, Venezuela, Ukraine, Palestine and Yemen.

That there also “ no-campaigns “ in which the media mute what happens in certain areas such as in the case of Somalia that has been presented as a theme of pirates who assault boats or the current case of Libya which is hidden.

That in the Defence Committee of UNESCO Israel was reported as a terrorist state but such allegations are having no effect leaving useless the international law which was founded after the II World War.

It is common for the media to disseminate articles about Israel trying to normalize their situation.

### **DENOUNCES:**

It is alleged that the media discipline the population whilst preparing them to accept as normal and regular the brutal situations posed by wars. For this resort to exacerbate fear to other and the national sectarianism, but also avoiding to understand the roots of the conflict whilst preparing them for their acceptance or indifferent resignation.

It is alleged that groups of innocent or humanitarian appearance as “ Reporters without Borders “ are financed by the CIA and the OEA and pass for altruistic, independent and objective mass ( it will be provided documentation ). In the same situation is for example the Syrian Observatory for Human rights, which is cited as a source in most of the news broadcast about Syria, which has its headquarters in London and is formed by the Muslim brothers. Also Amnesty International or “Medecins sans Frontiers“ play this role at times.

Based on the information published by Wikileaks in the Lebanese newspaper AL AKHBOR, we denounce the payments to journalists and intellectuals from Zionist media to direct the information published on Syria. Likewise, it is reported that there is a list of Spanish journalists and intellectuals published in this same source paid for this organizations with the same purpose.

That the monarchies of the Gulf have established a media shield funded with one hundred billion dollars to redirect the popular protests against imperialism and liberalism towards their own governments . These media guide the mobilizations toward the “ democracy” according to the western model ( restricted to individual freedoms and the right to vote ). In this way they have incorporated to intellectuals of the left who have converted to Bassar al Assad in the symbol of despotism.

We denounce the role of the academic intellectuals who appear in the media as an authoritative voice that emits the unquestionable vision on a topic but spread the standard stereotypes. The alternative media sometimes fall into the same logic as the official media and transmit the stereotypes and information, either because they are controlled or because they let themselves to be dragged.

The “ no-campaigns” are denounced, this is the invisible wars such as those of Somalia, the pirates of the Red Sea, Libya, Darfur, South Sudan... that hide the strategies of hoarding natural resources

and these wars create the conditions to break the power of the states that were looted.

The use of the role of women is denounced and the model of the eurocentric woman that is being used to justify wars and to hide other spoliation practices. The role of women in Afghanistan with the Taliban contributed to justify the intervention and dragged in them to feminist organizations and NGOs... the Ladies in White in Cuba or its mimetic organization in Venezuela. Also children are used in these campaigns of manipulation in a perverse manner. Also the freedom of peoples is instrumentalised to justify the interventions (Libya, Syria...).

We denounce the stigmatization of the victims, both in the preparatory phases of the war as in the justification of the results themselves . This is particularly important in the case of collective stigmatization of Muslims.

We denounce that, in its eagerness to domination and manipulation, power conspires, and that their media terminals try to hide it ridiculing the conspiracy theories, as if all were absurd.

It is alleged that the fiction and entertainment programs make up a public opinion more favourable to the war than even the information programs.

It is alleged that the media hide the association agreement of the European Union and Israel signed in 1995 with the objective that there is no adverse reaction on the part of the citizenry against this treaty.

We deplore the fact that the media uses the issue of religion to create a false image that hides the real reasons for the wars. The religious conflict is used as a display.

We denounce the ignorance of the information professionals which favours that are at the service of the war propaganda. For example, echoing the discourse on the “ anti-Semitism “ to accuse the Arabs. This is particularly important in the case of the collective stigmatization of Muslims, the familiar islamophobia.

### **Commitments of the Group in relation to this topic :**

Make a follow-up to the propaganda campaigns that feed and favour the imperialist war, especially in the case of Venezuela, Ukraine, Yemen and Syria.

Visualize the “ no-campaigns “.

Put in evidence and discover the cases of intellectuals and journalists that nourish and spread the propaganda campaigns at the service of the interests of the wars of the empire.

Document the case of NGOs and other organizations that are at the service of the interests of the imperialist war and receive funds for such activities.

Document and systematize the use of war terminology by the mass media to inform on emigration.

## **5. In relation to the responsibility of the states on the right to truthful information**

### **EXPOSES:**

That according to the Spanish legislation all the public and private media are public concessions with the same obligations. In practice all respond to private interests and fail to meet their obligations of independence and accuracy in the disseminated information.

### **DENOUNCES:**

That the states are failing to shoulder their legal responsibility inhibiting in its obligation to ensure truthful and accessible information for all.

## **6. In relation to the experiences that promote media at the service of peace, cooperation and understanding.**

### **WE PROPOSE:**

That in the media exists an information Council where workers can ensure with independence of publishers and editors, who act in the name of property, the veracity of information.

That style books are used as ethical code that avoid manipulation of language. Some media as the “BBC” or “El País“ have a book of style, but without legal character.

That alternative media should seek simple arguments which allow to turn the use of intellectuals and academics and so neutralizing this “intellectual” legitimacy built that way.

That media strengthen in the distinction between the right to information and freedom of expression and to ensure the right of reply and to receive truthful information.

*The mass media and war Group appeals to journalists to denounce pressure to publish false information, distorted or to hide it.*

*We must put the instrument of the Group at the service of the journalists.*

### III. Conclusions of the “Refugees and the Global War” Group.

Once prepared and discussed the paper that served as statement of intent and, having heard the witnesses and experts called, the Working Group met on this Bureau has developed the following conclusions that are part of their denunciations and condemnations :

1. We denounce the colonialist policies of looting and plundering that western capitalist countries carried out through their transnational corporations and their participation in the generation and development of wars of imperialism nature.
2. We affirm that the main cause of mass exoduses of the forcibly displaced, now and in the previous decades is the brutal and multiform violence of war, whether military, economic, ethnic or environmental.
3. We propose to overcome the old concept of refugees by another that includes all the ***forcibly displaced*** whatever the cause that obliges them to flee, so that both the conventional refugees and the persons displaced as the so-called economic immigrants stay integrated into that category and be recognized as subjects of the right to international protection.
4. We condemn the callousness of the European Union and its member countries that, before the avalanche of forcibly displaced people that are coming to our borders, and that the year 2015 can reach to ***one million people***, are responding with unprecedented miserliness, and only contemplate the possibility of hosting 160,000 over two years; implying the expulsion of, at least, the remaining 840,000.
5. We repudiate with energy the outbreaks of xenophobia that are emerging in various European countries, as well as the political behaviour of the governments that tolerate and occasionally harbour them.
6. We especially , condemn the so-called “Global war on terror” implemented by the United States and its NATO partners, responsible for the wars against Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Libya, Syria, Mali, Yemen, etc. These military interventions are the main cause and more immediate of the dantesque exodus of so many millions of refugees.
7. We condemn the use that is made of the Syrian refugees as “weapon of war” , driven out of Turkey with the intention to unleash social upheaval between Europeans and to offer political leaders a pretext to intervene more boldly in the war of Syria and overthrow the Government legitimately instituted.
8. We identify and condemn the main responsible of these exoduses of populations that include the

western multinationals, the international financial institutions, governments and international political coalitions and the military apparatus, among which stands out with own light the NATO, which has made of the migration control one of its priority objectives ( Summit of Wales, 2014 ) to ensure the stability of the western world.

9. We denounce as a scandal of global dimensions the death of thousands of emigrants who amid the indifference of the European governments are shipwrecked each year in the waters of the Mediterranean ( more than 3.500 people ) or the Atlantic Sea, or lose their life in the journey through the Sahara desert or in the attempt to overcome the barbed wire of our borders. And consequently we condemn the use of military force that is used not so much to rescue emigrants of the wreck, but rather to prevent that they can reach the European coasts.
10. We condemn the repression in the European borders with the consequent detention of refugees who are trapped in contrary conditions to the requirements of human dignity, in flagrant contradiction with the Community legislation ( article 6 of the Schengen Borders Code ).
11. We denounce the maudlin utilization that is made by the media of the individual or family suffering situations of the refugees, forgetting almost always to identify the causes of these painful displacements. In this regard, we note the lack of a statement of the European Trade Union Confederation denouncing governments that cause the war, origin of this situation.
12. We demand that the occupational integration of the refugees is done with the same conditions and rights as the rest of the national workers of the host countries, thus avoiding that refugees be instrumentalized to blow up, once more, the very precarious labour market. We regret, in this sense the silence of the European Confederation of Trade Unions.
13. We support the initiatives of the city councils and the rest of civil society organizations in the reception and integration of refugees, but at the same time we require them a determined public intervention against the colonialist and warmonger policies of the European and Spanish governments.
14. We condemn the violation of the Human Rights International Law ( article 13 and 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ) and that of the Humanitarian International Law as practised in Europe and highlights in the treatment, retention, denial of asylum and expulsion of most of the forcibly displaced arrived in the E.U.
15. We support the actions of information and awareness that try to break the silence on the situation of the displaced, the causes of their exodus and the responsibilities of those who cause them, at the same time that encourage the hospitality and effective solidarity with all of them.
16. We denounce that the Common European Asylum System permits the detention of asylum-seekers and their expulsion from European soil, even in the case of minors, and sustain the prohibition to return to Europe in five years.

So, it is demonstrated that in the European project the defence of life and justice are weak valves, while the economic and commercial interests are protected for a strong law.

17. We denounce the Spanish law on Asylum, that following the model of the EU, prevents seek

protection at the embassies and consulates located in the countries of origin, pushing the displaced to a long journey full of vicissitudes, as well as having to cross irregularly the border. Neither foresees humanitarian visa quotas nor facilities for family reunification.

18. We denounce the enormous obstacles to obtain, already in the national territory, the status of refugee or subsidiary protection ( 80% of applications are rejected ), as well as the unjustifiable delays in processing them, for lack of means.
19. We denounce the lack of regulation developing the Asylum law, which leaves without effect the more positive options of the same Act.
20. We condemn the very existence of the foreigner detention centres (CIEs) and those of temporary stay (CETIs) for the wrongful deprivation of liberty it supposes for displaced by the mere fact of being one, the absence of legal aid, and the inhuman conditions of habitability.
21. We condemn the *regularization* of the so-called “*hot returns*”, approved by the Spanish parliament through the 6th. Additional provision in the Gag Law, despite the fact that this practice was expressly condemned by the European Court of Human Rights.
22. We demand the repeal of all laws and decrees that significantly restrict the right to public health care to immigrants, regularized or not.
23. We denounce and condemn **the restrictions on the free movement of persons** in Europe, the increase of the control and militarization of borders and the construction of walls and barbed wire to reject the displaced people, victims of wars of diverse type and condition.

It comes finally to underline the key idea that has inspired this Collective work : that it is necessary and urgent to wonder about **the causes of these mass exoduses**; that it is necessary to try to understand the connection between the phenomenon of the forcibly displaced, the colonial exploitation and wars led by the capital. Today it is an ethical imperative of first order to put in evidence the interests and the responsible for this humanitarian collapse : **the transnational capital and their armies**. It is time to speak with clarity about the responsibilities of the western powers and organizations such as NATO.

And by the way, emphasize that the more responsible attitude toward the mass of refugees who come to our doors cannot be limited to offer hospitality, while NATO, the EU and the USA and its regional mercenaries devastate the countries where they come from. It is necessary to welcome them and recognize all their rights; **but the best show of solidarity will be to understand, denounce and try to prevent the cause of these expulsions, the global war that prevails in the world, pointing directly to the main responsible.**

#### **IV. Specific Resolution of the “ Low intensity wars and coups” Group.**

The Work Group on “ Low intensity wars” of TPPCGIO part of the common nature of the imperialist war and its connection with the capitalist economy.

This implies to note :

That the military industry (from the production of weapons to the creation of armies of mercenaries) is a buoyant sector.

That the interests of big companies are which define the making of policy decisions related to the war and the economic interests present in the attacked countries ( opening of markets, appropriation of natural resources, the business of reconstruction and the geostrategic need ).

It has been stressed that such interventions, often justified by the aggressor powers as “humanitarian” actions undertaken in the name of progress and democracy, actually perpetuate the social, economic, and political exploitation and generate irreparable environmental damages.

The intensification of the current imperialist aggression responds to the growth of the widespread resistance and in all areas ( political, economical and cultural ) to the new unipolar world order, especially on the part of the BRICS. In the context or economical crisis, the productive, financial and monetary rise of these countries of the BRICS breaks the current unipolarity since the collapse of the Soviet Union, and does so in all areas – political, economical and military-. Another relevant symptom is the popular opposition to the Euro within the EU, unfortunately capitalized right now by the extreme right, but that should not be overlooked by the left.

The Group has also raised the need to revise the terminology, to the extent that the low intensity wars term has a strong ideological burden that contributes precisely to do what the TPPCGIO wants to avoid : fragment, disconnect and hide the internal logic of the imperialist war as a “world-war”. Many of the forms of interference we are considering are a reality very intense. What concern us is to show that these different forms, in degree of destructiveness and direct involvement of the imperialist powers, are part , all of them, of a unified strategy. We use the term on purpose : to denounce its ambiguity and show its contradictions, for lack so far of a better term (in other context has been proposed the “world-war”) because any other one has the same problems.

Starting from a reality that is fragmented and elusive, the Group has tried to highlight the common points that connect some forms of low intensity war with others, as well as the similarities of the situations of undeclared war in different contexts and political circumstances. For that, we have used two criteria, one geographic and other analytic. The geographic criterion has served us to

sweep the different regions of the globe and point briefly the most significant cases on which the Group has collected information during the process of preparation of the sessions ( see annex). The analytical approach, on the other hand, has involved the taking into consideration of three concepts : interference, impunity and responsibility.

With **interference** we refer to the whole repertoire of actions which are part of a strategy of undeclared war in the context of imperial domination. The interference has always a media support, whose basic function is to demonize the future assaulted and numb the critical sense. On the other hand, the methods of interference, which are the most varied, can be classified into three basic types : (a) networking in the political, economic and social fields, counting both with agents with goodwill but short-sighted as with other agents clearly willing to be subordinated to an external power to attack their own country; (b) surrogate military interventions by co-optation of coup armies, the employment of mercenaries or the financing of paramilitary groups; (c) direct military deployments of the aggressor powers through the NATO or international coalitions created ad hoc. The actions in the low-intensity war cover a vast array : sanctions, embargoes, and blockades, sabotage and terrorist actions, assassinations and genocides.

With **impunity** we refer to the ability of the aggressor powers to act within the bounds of the law or ever violate the international legality, which however is applied relentlessly to their victims as soon as there is an occasion. Those who occupy a subordinate position in the imperialism world order lack the means to defend themselves effectively and permanently and in addition do not count with the effective implementation of international law nor with the protection and support of the international bodies designated for that purpose ( United Nations, International Criminal Court ), since everything depends on how it is articulated the balance of international forces and that some great power decides, taking care also of their own interests, to side with the weakest.

Finally, with **responsibility** we refer to the need to link constantly what happens in the world with what happens in our neighbourhoods and in our cities, as well as the importance of visualizing the responsibility – by action or omission- of the Spanish state in the interference and the impunity of war. In this regard, the Group has pointed out in the course of discussion that many of the methods of low intensity war that we denounce when they take place in the outside also have been and are applied in the Spanish state, and especially in the present time of economic, social and political crisis. It is the case of the social and political organizations conservative or reactionary that are encouraged or tolerated, while other, rebellious and progressive are ignored or criminalized and persecuted; It also happens that the repressive state mechanisms are reinforced and that the legality limits are violated so to strengthen the social control; each time there is less space for the democratic and open discussions and each time it prevails more the technocracy and the blind obedience.

The shortcomings of the Spanish democracy and the impunity of the same Spanish state – heir of the Franco regime where comes our current political system – contributes to shield the decisions of the governing classes that control the state apparatus and its involvement in the World-War.. This is reflected, for example, in which the king is who has the power to declare war, or in the false subjection to a democratic control of the executive decisions on the participation of the Spanish state in the international missions, because the representatives in the congress of deputies have no real independence with regard to the executive. The latest example of opacity and violation of the democratic principle is the revision of the bilateral agreements with the US on the use of the military bases of Moron and Rota which exceeds what was accepted at the time by the citizens and that has been approved without consulting them.

### **CONDEMNNS:**

The Group of low intensity wars of the TPPCGIO condemns :

1. The fraudulent use of the peace talks and negotiation processes that leave without validity the international legal principle of the peaceful resolution of conflicts.
2. The manipulation of political, social and economical local agents with the aim of destabilizing sovereign countries within the framework of a global imperialist strategy.
3. The institutional support to coup forces and obviously reactionary that threaten the legitimate governments and institutions of sovereign countries, as well as the welfare of their inhabitants and the self-determination right of people.
4. The systematic violation of international law by the powers to which the Spanish state consider allies.
5. The complicity of the Spanish state and the European Union, which often force the Spanish state to act contrary to its sovereign interests, with all the unjust actions listed here.
6. The institutional opacity and the lack of democratic guarantees that characterize the decision-making related to military affairs in the Spanish state.
7. The search and obtention of economical benefits through war.
8. The absolute lack of concern for the human and environmental damage caused because of the war.

### **DEMANDS:**

**Truth:** Clarification of the facts and the construction of a coherent and understanding story , which requires true recognition on the part of the actors ( states, organisms, people, paramilitary groups, etc ) of their responsibility, by action or omission. This implies an exercise in transparency on the

part of the aggressor states.

**Justice:** Identification of those responsible and recognition of the suffering of the victims.

**Repair:** Moral reparation, application of current legislation, restoration of the damage in human, economical, social and environmental terms. This involves removing the conditions that make possible the imperialist aggression, so that they do not occur again in the future; in the case of the Spanish state it is essential the output of NATO, the withdrawal of the US bases, the drastic reduction of the military budget and the rupture with the European union.

## **ANNEX: BREAKDOWN BY TERRITORIES**

In the review of the different geographical contexts, it has been pointed out the following :

### **(I) LATIN AMÉRICA**

I.1. Venezuela. Venezuela is being a permanent objective of a low intensity war where converge planned actions of economic sabotage, anti-revolutionaries political sectors that receive external support, and coup forces that resort directly to violence (guarimbas). The responsibility of the Spanish state is in this case evident, since the Spanish institutions (government, political parties, media... ) have turned on the support for the Venezuelan right, and the great Venezuelan companies involved in the economic sabotage that Venezuela has suffered in recent times have a participation of Spanish capital . The same type of forms of interference will be produced in the rest of the countries of the ALBA ( formed apart from Venezuela and Cuba, by Nicaragua, Ecuador and Bolivia ).

I.2. Colombia. In an article sent by James Petras as a contribution to the Tribunal, indicates how in recent times the Colombian government has used the situation of the peace process, during which the FARC have lowered his guard, to intensify military operations, perpetuating the climate of violence. Neither the current Spanish government nor the previous one have put the slightest objection to the support to the last Colombian governments, on spite of the very serious history of violations of human rights, which Colombia has and the responsibilities of the highest political leaders of the country in recent times in relation to the paramilitary actions and the indiscriminate murder of people opposed to the government.

I.3. Cuba. The Cuban blockade is a paradigmatic example of the imposition on a discretionary basis of economic sanctions on the part of a great power, going against the expressed will of the vast majority of the international community and against the international law. The Spanish state has maintained recently a position timidly contrary in the best of cases, but most of the time openly favourable to the blockade.

## (II) THE MIDDLE EAST.

II.1. Palestine. The Palestinian case is, as the Cuban, one of the saddest examples of levels that can reach the imperialist interference and impunity. The Spanish state which prides itself on being a country committed to the Palestinian cause, is at the same time an important partner of the Zionist entity (Israel), and limits its criticism of the Israeli policy in the occupied areas of the West Bank, without saying anything about the racist nature of the Israeli state. The current demand for a two-state solution to ensure “a secure Israel and a viable Palestine” is a further illustration of the effective alignment of the Spanish state with the Israeli colonization and the perpetuation of a chronic situation of war. The commercial association agreement between the EU and the Zionist entity provides in its article 2, the annulment of the same in the case of violation of human rights and democratic principles, so that this agreement should be suspended.

II.2 Iran. In the same way than Colombia leverages the peace process to intensify the military actions against the FARC, the USA leverages the negotiations with Iran on the nuclear program to develop a military enclosure campaign that involves the political destabilization of Iraq and Syria. The Spanish state was part of the international coalition that invaded Iraq in 2.003, and so the Spanish authorities are to that extent responsible for the current situation, with the emergence of the Islamic state; on the other hand, the Spanish state has participated in the international manoeuvres related to political destabilization in Syria, deploying patriot missiles in the Turkish-Syrian border.

II.3. Yemen. The military aggression in Yemen by Saudi Arabia just receives coverage despite its severity ; the responsibility of the Spanish state is clear, at least because the excellent relations between the Spanish monarchy and the Saudi dynasty.

## (III) EASTERN EUROPE.

III.1. Russia. The decision taken at the level of the EU, following the indications of the USA, of applying a blockade and sanctions on Russia after the coup in Ukraine and the secession of pro-Russian areas of the country has supposed the involvement of the Spanish state in a latent conflict which not only do not provide any benefit but also have already caused a serious harm to the working class of the country, specifically those related to the agricultural sector because of the reprisals taken by the Russian authorities, that have vetoed the importation of European products.

III.2. Ukraine. The coup in Ukraine , fed from the EU (under US control) in a context of geopolitical rivalry with Russia for the conservation of an area of influence in Eastern Europe has involved and involves in a growing form to the Spanish state in such a way that goes far beyond the boomerang effect of sanctions. The destroyer US Donald Cook, deployed in Rota in 2.014, was sent shortly after its deployment in the Spanish state to the Black Sea during the full crisis of Crimea. Subsequently, the Spanish state has been incorporated into the air patrols in the Baltic, and the latest is the deployment of the very high availability force, validated during the recent NATO manoeuvres in Poland. All this adds to the Spanish state fully into a recent military escalation and increasingly accelerated whose impacts are global.

#### (IV) AFRICA.

IV.1. Mali and Central African Republic. In both countries there have recently been two military interventions whose weight has fallen firstly in France, but in which the Spanish state has collaborated actively with logical tasks and training of the armed forces of both countries.

IV. 2. Atalanta operation. Although it is a case that has completely disappeared for the media, for years the Spanish state participates in an international mission in the Horn of Africa supposedly directed to protect the fishing boats from piracy. It is not spoken, however of the draconian conditions that enable the exploitation of fishery resources in the region on the part of European companies, nor the geostrategic significance of the Horn of Africa ( and the Suez Canal ) for the distribution of hydrocarbons.

IV.3. Libya. It may not be forgotten the participation of the Spanish armed forces in the international military operation that contributed to feed the Libyan civil war that disintegrated the sustained political order by Khadaffi and that still remains today.

IV. 4. Western Sahara. Another case in which the Spanish responsibility is clear , and that the rol of the USA , that has before it two obedient subjects ( the Spanish state and Marocco ) cannot be ignored especially given the importance of mineral resources of Western Sahara. The way in which it is ignoring the serious humanitarian consequences of the torrential rains in the refugee camps shows once more the calculated indifference of the Spanish state before a case that is of its responsibility.

#### (V) CENTRAL AND EAST ASIA.

V.1. Afghanistan. A country permanently ravaged by war since the US support to the Taliban against the soviet union. The Spanish state intervenes in Afghanistan after the 11th September and only recently is in a phase of withdrawal, but that is done bearing in mind the return in a new type of mission.

V.2 . China. The rise of China as a regional and global power has led the US to expand its presence on both sides of the Pacific Ocean (Latin America-Colombia, Peru, Costa Rica- and South-east Asia- Japan, South Korea-). The Spanish state is part of this strategy , especially through its involvement as an observer member (the only one European) of the Alliance of the Pacific, formed by countries close to the U.S. with regard to the rise of ALBA and MERCOSUR.

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