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DECLARATION OF THE GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR MILITARY SPENDING

In a period of profound international economic and social crisis, global military spending has skyrocketed to levels higher than those of the cold war, depriving people and societies of significant vital resources.

The fact that, based on official statistics from 2015, the human race sacrifices an average of some 5 billion dollars every day on the altar of military spending is an affront.

This worrying development is due to the prevailing doctrine of resolving international problems using military means, thereby contravening the UN Charter and resolutions in favour of de-militarizing international life and of disarmament, through the abolition of nuclear and conventional weapons alike.

The increased demand for new and ever more modern weaponry feeds the exceptionally profitable international arms trade, in which the leading exporters are the great powers, in particular the countries that are permanent members of the UN Security Council.

Through this trade, the military-industrial complex in certain countries has grown to gigantic proportions, while the governments of many countries are involved in non-transparent and corrupt practices, with disastrous effects on democracy and its institutions.

The Greek people, who are experiencing painful deprivations due to the crisis and the state debt, are fully aware that our country's enormous public debt is largely due to its massive military spending in recent decades. Given this fact, we express our opposition to NATO's decision to increase the military budgets of all member-states to 2% of GDP. This decision does not serve the vision of a peaceful Europe.

In our desire to contribute to international peace and multilateral security, a cause that is financial, social, ecological and human, we the undersigned individuals and organizations declare our full support for the Global Campaign to Reduce Military Spending drastically, our strong opposition to militarism and in favour of the imposition of strict international control on the arms trade.

Signatures

(Name, occupation, agency, signature)