

Representatives of European organisations
interested in nuclear disarmament
and non-violent conflict resolution

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Subject : Proposal for actions to be taken by the European Parliament to promote a European security and peace policy

Following the election of new European parliamentarians last May, several representatives of European organisations interested in nuclear disarmament and non-violent conflict resolution have been working together for several weeks. They consider it essential and urgent that issues of great concern relating to security and peacebuilding be placed on the European Parliament's agenda.

The world is dangerous, but nuclear weapons, far from ensuring our security, only increase the danger.

While external interventions are sometimes necessary to disable terrorist and criminal organizations or dictatorial regimes, preventive actions by international non-violent intervention bodies could, in many situations, support democratic forces and provide a political solution to latent or ongoing conflicts.

Finally, it seems clear to us that Europe, through its history and values, has a vocation to promote civil defence strategies in the world that enable public authorities and civil society as a whole to effectively resist attempts at takeover by dictatorial powers or internally by authorities that do not respect the spirit and rules of democracy.

Several French researchers and activists wrote and published in March 2019 the attached text "Towards a European Security and Peace Policy", on which positive feedback was received. This document provides analyses and proposals in three areas:

1 - Denuclearising the defence of Europe: action to ensure that as many European states as possible sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) adopted at the United Nations in July 2017 by 122 countries.

2 - Action to finance and send civilian peace intervention missions by the European Union as part of its security and peace policy : 10% of the European defence budget.

3 - In the long term, action to inform MEPs, governments and European citizens about non-violent defence strategies against an external aggressor or illegitimate power and against non-military dangers : fanaticism, religious fundamentalism, terrorism, energy, food, economic or ecological crises, lack of resilience in our societies (cyber attacks, energy dependence, excessive centralisation, disintegration through unemployment, etc.).

To identify the MEPs to whom they will present these three proposals for action, the first signatories of this letter will be advised by political figures (such as José Bové, former MEP) and by people who know the activist organisations and research institutes likely to advance these proposals in the various countries of the European Union.

Following the first contacts, we will identify an MEP who agrees, at least temporarily, to be the contact person for the undersigned organisations and MEPs, and to assign his secretariat in Brussels on a part-time basis to this cause.

First signatories :

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Other signatories to contact later in these three countries and in all European Union countries

Annex: Text "Towards a European security and peace policy" drafted in March 2019 ■