

# U.S. Hands Off SYRIA

## An Urgent Message for Peace on the Eve of Wider War

We raise our voices against the violence of war and the enormous pressure of war propaganda, lies and hidden agendas that are used to justify this war and every past U.S. war.

We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, endorse the following Points of Unity and will work together as an Ad Hoc Coalition to help put an end to the regime change intervention by the United States, NATO and their regional allies and the killing of innocent people in Syria:

- 1 The continuation of the war in Syria is the result of a U.S.-orchestrated intervention by the United States, NATO, their regional allies and reactionary forces, the goal of which is regime change in Syria.
- 2 This policy of regime change in Syria is illegal and in clear violation of the United Nations Charter, the letter and spirit of international law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- 3 This policy of forced regime change is threatening the security of the region and the world and has increased the danger of direct confrontation between the United States and Russia, with the potential of a nuclear catastrophe for the whole world.
- 4 War and U.S. and EU sanctions have destabilized every sector of Syria's economy, transforming a once self-sufficient country into an aid-dependent nation. Half the Syrian population is now displaced. A UN ESCWA report reveals these U.S. sanctions on Syria are crippling aid work during one of the largest humanitarian emergencies since World War II. The one third of Syrians refugees in surrounding Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey have been hit hard by U.S. cuts to UNICEF. This forces desperate refugees to struggle to reach Europe.
- 5 No foreign entity, be it a foreign government or an armed group, has the right to violate the fundamental rights of the Syrian people to independence, national sovereignty and self-determination. This includes the right of the Syrian government to request and accept military assistance from other countries, as even the U.S. government has admitted.
- 6 Only the people of Syria have the inalienable right to choose their leaders and determine the character of their government, free from foreign intervention. This right cannot be properly exercised under the conditions of U.S.-orchestrated foreign intervention against the Syrian people.
- 7 Our opposition is to forced regime change in Syria by U.S.-backed foreign powers and their mercenaries. It is not our business to support or oppose President Assad or the Syrian government. Only the Syrian people have the right to decide the legitimacy of their government.



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- 8 The most urgent issue at present is peace and putting an end to the violence of foreign intervention that has resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people and the displacement of millions of Syrians both internally or as refugees abroad.

**Based on these Points of Unity, we, as individuals and organizations – in an Ad Hoc Coalition – agree on the following demands and commit ourselves to working together to help achieve them:**

- 1 An immediate end to the U.S. policy of forced regime change in Syria** and full recognition and compliance by the U.S., NATO and their allies with principles of international law and the U.N. Charter, including respect for the independence and territorial integrity of Syria.
- 2 An immediate end to all foreign aggression against Syria**, and serious efforts toward a political resolution to the war.
- 3 An immediate end to all military, financial, logistical and intelligence support by the U.S., NATO and their regional allies to all foreign mercenaries and extremists in the Middle East region.**
- 4 An immediate end to economic sanctions against Syria.** Massive international aid for displaced people within Syria and Syrian refugees abroad.

Only in a peaceful and independent Syria, free of foreign aggression, can the people of Syria freely exercise their sovereign rights, express their free will and make free choices about their government and their country's leadership.

We invite all supporters of peace and peoples' right to self-determination around the world to join hands of cooperation in this effort to achieve these most humanitarian demands.

**We need jobs, healthcare, education and an end to racist police violence here at home, not U.S. wars abroad!!**

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## Organizational Signers (partial list in alphabetical order)

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Alliance for Global Justice,  
Al-Awda Palestine National Right to Return Coalition,  
All-African People's Revolutionary Party,  
All-African People's Revolutionary Party (GC),  
All India Anti-Imperialist Forum - India,  
Alternative Media - Ireland,  
American Party of Labor,  
ANSWER Coalition,  
Antiwar Committee of Chicago, Minneapolis, Tampa, Tucson, Utah,  
Arab Americans for Syria,  
Arab Women Progressive League,  
Associazione per la Pace di Pordenone, Italy,  
Attac, Hamburg, Germany,  
Auszeithaus, Germany,  
BAYAN - Philippine Coalition,  
Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace NY,  
Bike Arts Artist/Environment Forum, Toronto, Canada,  
Black is Back Coalition for Social Justice, Peace and Reparations,  
British Afro-Asian Organization,  
Buffalo Anti Racism Coalition,  
Byke4Peace.com,  
Campaign for International Cooperation and Disarmament - Australia,  
Casa de las Lenguas - Texas,  
Chicago Area CodePINK,  
Citizens of the World - Canada,  
Coalition of Arab Canadian Professionals & Community Associations,  
Codepink Golden Gate Chapter, CA,  
Cognitive Liberty, CA,  
Columbus Campaign for Arms Control,  
Comite Surveillance OTAN, Bruxelles, Belgium,  
The Committee to Stop FBI Repression — NYC,  
Communist Party of Great Britain (Marxist-Leninist),  
Conselho Português para a Paz e Cooperação – Portugal,  
Consejo de la juventud de Torrelavega – Spain,  
Coop Anti-War Cafe, Antikrieg TV, Berlin, Germany,  
CT 9/11 Truth,  
Dallas Left Alliance,  
Democracy TV Berlin, Germany,  
Democracy without Borders, Canada,  
Deutscher Freidenkerverband, Berlin, Germany,  
Disarmament and Security Centre, Christchurch, New Zealand,  
DKP, Germany,  
Earth Neighborhood,  
Ecumenical Peace Institute Clergy and Laity Concerned,  
Ecumenical Women's Forum — Philippines,  
El Movimiento Meicano Por la Paz Y el Desarollo — Mexico,  
Far Eastern Press,  
Fire This Time Movement for Social Justice - Canada  
FLC-CGIL Trade Union - University of Florence - Italy,  
Frente Socialista de Puerto Rico,  
Foro Contra la Guerra Imperialista y la OTAN - Spain,  
Free Mumia Abu Jamal Coalition - NYC,  
Friedensbündnis Berlin, Germany,  
Friedensinitiative Sülz-Klettenberg Köln, Germany,  
Frome Stop War, UK,  
Fronte Popolare - Italy,  
Galway Alliance Against War, Ireland,

Georgia Peace and Justice Coalition,  
Greater New Haven Peace Council - CT,  
Hamilton Coalition to Stop the War – Canada,  
Hands Off Syria - Australia,  
Handsoff Venezuela—Finland,  
House of Creative Writing - Michigan,  
Houston Peace Council,  
Houston Communist Party,  
ImaginAction Theatre, Sierra Madre - CA,  
In Service to Humankind of Planet Earth, Washington DC,  
International Action Center,  
International Anti-imperialist Coordinating Committee, Kolkata, India,  
International Committee for Peace, Justice and Dignity,  
International Indigenous Society, Georgia,  
International-Lawyers.Org, Geneva, Switzerland  
Internationale Liga für Menschenrechte, Germany,  
International League of Peoples Struggle – U.S.,  
Jersey City Peace Movement,  
Iraqi Democrats Against Occupation, UK,  
Just Peace Qld Australia,  
Koalition des Widerstands – Germany,  
Labor Fightback Network, NJ,  
Labor Union Advocates,  
Liberty From The Lobby,  
Los Alamos Study Group - AZ,  
Maine Social Justice,  
Malcolm X Center,  
Manu Waiata Restoration & Protection Society, Ltd, New Zealand,  
Mayfair Neighbors for Peace and Justice - Chicago,  
Melbourne May Day Committee, Australia,  
Melbourne Unitarian Peace Memorial Church, Australia,  
Michigan Emergency Committee Against War & Injustice,  
Mobilization Against War & Occupation – Canada,  
Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center, CA,  
Multipolar World against War, Berlin, Germany,  
Mütter gegen den Krieg Berlin-Brandenburg,  
New Afrikan Independence Party,  
NJ Peace Council,  
New Mexico Intrinsic Human Rights Collaborative,  
New Orleans Workers Group,  
News Source, Inc., Newton, MA,  
No NATO List, Rome, Italy,  
No Nukes No War — CT,  
Northeast Iowa Peace & Justice Committee,  
Northeast Philly for Peace and Justice,  
NoWar - Casa internazionale delle donne, Roma, Italy,  
No War Net — Rome, Italy,  
Nowar-Pax, Ottawa, Canada,  
Oma, Nokia, Finland,  
One State Assembly,  
One World Media, Berlin, Germany,  
One World Life Systems, NY,  
Ontario Civil Liberties Association, Canada,  
Orange County Healthcare For All!  
Our Revolution Los Angeles,  
PädagogInnen für den Frieden, Hamburg, Germany,  
Pakistan USA Freedom Forum, NY,  
Pax Christi - Clinton, Iowa,  
PDA Chicago,

Peace, Bochum, Germany,  
Peace Action of San Mateo County, CA,  
Peace Forum Sangerhausen, Germany,  
Peace Roots Alliance –TN,  
PeaceWorks, Maine,  
Peoples' Action for Rights and Community CA,  
Peoples Organization for Progress - NJ,  
Pittsburgh Anti-Imperialist League,  
People Demanding Action, Florida,  
Peoples' Liberation Front - JVP, Sri Lanka,  
Peoples Opposition to War, Imperialism & Racism – Florida,  
Popular Resistance,  
Popular Committee in Defense of Syria,  
Project Nature Connect, Los Angeles,  
Queers Without Borders — Hartford CT,  
Return Now Coalition,  
Racine Coalition for Peace and Justice, Wisconsin,  
Rochester Peace Action and Education,  
Rumble of the People, New Mexico,  
Samizdat: Socialist Prisoners Project, Wisconsin,  
San Diego County Peace and Freedom Party CA,  
Seniora.org, Zurich, Switzerland,  
Socialist Action,  
Socialist Action — Ligue pour l'Action Socialiste, Canada,  
SOLVE - Florida,  
South Asian Fund For Education, Scholarship & Training,  
South Coast People For Peace and Justice,  
Southern Human Rights Organizers' Conference,  
Spirit of Eureka – Australia,  
St. Pete for Peace – Florida,  
Stop the War Machine,  
Strength Through Peace, Colorado,  
Students for a Democratic Society — National SDS  
Swedish Doctors for Human Rights, Sweden  
Swedish Peace Council  
Syria Solidarity Movement  
Syrian American Forum  
Syrian American Will Association,  
Syrian Social Club Community in the UK  
The Expatriates Association of Syrians in Canada  
The Pacific Institute of Resource Management, New Zealand  
Topanga Peace Alliance & MLK Coalition Los Angeles  
Umbrella Peace Art, Berlin, Germany  
United National Antiwar Coalition — UNAC  
United Opt Out National  
United Steelworkers Local 8751  
Upstate New York Drone Action  
U.S. Peace Council  
Veterans For Peace - Chapter 71 CA, Chapter 21 NJ, Chapter 109, WA, Chapter 111 WA  
Veterans for Peace - Ireland  
Virginia Defenders for Freedom, Justice & Equality  
Villas de la Playa Vega Baja, Puerto Rico  
Wisconsin Bail Out The People Movement  
Women Against Military Madness,  
Women for Peace, Finland  
Workers World Party  
World 5.0  
World Peace Council  
Zimbabwe Pan Africanist Youth Agenda