

MOTION OF THE FERPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE

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Faced with the expansion of the field of war and the dangers that threaten world peace and the future of humanity, when war is spreading in all directions, when military expenditure is increasing as never before in the history of humanity, when the risk of recourse to nuclear weapons is reappearing and when world peace is threatened, it is urgent to act to say enough is enough!

Living conditions continue to deteriorate in the face of the spread of authoritarian regimes, autocracies and outright dictatorships, and the dangers that threaten peace, democracy and the future of humanity in the world and in Europe.

As a result of the monopoly waged by the powerful in this land of misery, war is here to stay, affecting people of all ages and genders, but particularly the elderly. On the battlefields, the death toll rises daily, and as always, the people pay the heavy price of lives destroyed or lost.

True to its internationalist and pacifist values, FERPA condemns the bombing of civilians in Ukraine and the crimes against humanity committed against the Palestinian and Israeli civilian populations.

A global extension of the conflicts cannot be ruled out. There is an urgent need to affirm our solidarity, because our destinies are linked.

We call for

- the introduction of an immediate ceasefire, the laying down of arms and withdrawal from the various occupied territories, and the release of all hostages
- The opening of a peace process and the search for a political and diplomatic solution that can put an end to the terror, the war and all the terrorist actions that are the cause and that are martyring the people.
- Let all the vanguard forces and international institutions work to build an authentic policy for a just peace, respecting democratic values, international law and human rights, and developing peaceful cooperation.
- Our demands and our mobilisations must be equal to the task of achieving a just peace, disarmament and the restoration of the sovereignty of individual states.

We must remember that there can be no social progress without peace, and no lasting peace without democracy and respect for rights, freedom and justice.

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