

## Outcome from the meeting of the Secretariat of WPC in Brussels, October 10-12, 2010

The Meeting of the Secretariat of WPC took successfully place in Brussels from October 10-12, 2010 with the participation of 10 members of the Secretariat from Brazil, Greece, Cuba, USA, Palestine, Portugal, Syria, Germany, India and Vietnam and additional 19 Organizations from Europe (Spain, Italy, Belgium(2), Germany, Turkey, Cyprus, Poland, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Serbia, Georgia, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Austria, Switzerland and Iran(guest), which held their regional meeting on October 11, 2010, attended as well by the Secretariat.

The two basic political texts presented were the speech of the President of WPC **Socorro Gomes** and the Report of the General Secretary **Thanassis Pafilis**. Both texts are considered documents of the meeting (see attached docs) and will be published on the website of the WPC.

The Secretariat observed the positive steps of the WPC in the different fronts of struggle in many corners of the world and expressed its appreciation for the regional meeting of the WPC Middle East in Cairo on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

One highlight of the WPC meeting was the visit of the Cuban delegation composed by Adriana Pérez O'Connor and Olga Salanueva, wives of Gerardo and Rene respectively, which are two of the five Cuban political prisoners held unjustly in US prisons. The meeting welcomed the Cuban friends and expressed its unconditional support for the struggle to release the "Cuban Five" as well as the solidarity of the WPC towards the Socialist Cuba. The WPC meeting agreed to run an international campaign from December till May 2011, which shall culminate with the International conference against the foreign military Bases in the province Guantanamo, Cuba. Elements of the campaign will be a call to all WPC members and friends with a special WPC poster to demand from the White House the release of the Cuban Five, an intervention at the Human Rights Council of the UN during the 2011 and coordinate with other International Organizations (e.g. WFTU, WFDY, WIDF, OSPAAAL) common actions. The Secretariat expressed its solidarity with the struggling people and government of Cuba against the criminal blockade and denounced the "common position" of the EU towards Cuba. It decided furthermore to decorate symbolically during the next Executive Committee Meeting the "Cuban Five" as fighters for Peace.

Special point in the agenda of the regional meeting and the Secretariat was the developments around the NATO summit in Lisbon and the activities of the WPC towards it. The meeting adopted a special resolution on the subject (see below). The participants of the WPC meetings dealt with several other points in their agenda. They received reports from the regional coordinators of Americas, Middle East, Asia & Pacific and Europe and discussed and agreed on concrete future actions and a calendar of coming events.

The following ones were underlined:

- The continental conference of Peace Movements organized by MOMPARE in Mexico City on 21-22 October, 2010
- The international meeting against NATO and for Peace in Lisbon on 19<sup>th</sup> November(organized by WPC and CPPC) and the international participation in the demonstration for the 20<sup>th</sup> November organized by "Yes to Peace-No to NATO" Campaign.
- December 10, 2010-International Day of action for the abolition of all foreign Military Bases (based on the continental campaign against the Bases)
- Asian Peace Conference in Dhaka, Bangladesh on January 22-24,2011
- WPC self-organized event during the World Social Forum of Dakar Senegal, February 2011
- WPC Regional conference in Moca, Dominican Republic from March 17-19, 2011
- WPC International Solidarity Mission to Palestine at the end March 2011
- Executive Committee WPC, April 29-30, 2011 in Havana, Cuba and participation in the May day events in Havana
- International Meeting in the Cuban province Guantanamo against the deployed US Military Base and concentration camp on May 4-5, 2011. The event will take place as well as part of the continental campaign against the Foreign Military Bases.

**Special Resolution of the WPC Secretariat meeting in Brussels on actions for peace and against NATO during the NATO summit in Lisbon**

The organizations present in the World Peace Council (WPC) meeting in Brussels, October 10-12, 2010 agreed on actions for peace and against NATO during the NATO summit in Lisbon and concretely to:

- Endorse the international WPC/Portuguese Council for Peace and Cooperation appeal (<http://www.wpc-in.org> )
- Salute the peace loving forces of Portugal and support the aims and initiatives of the "Yes to Peace! No to NATO!" Campaign.
- Call upon all peace loving forces and anti-imperialist movement to actively support the CPPC in the preparations of the massive people's protests which will culminate on 20th November with the "Yes to Peace! No to NATO!" Campaign demonstration at 15Hrs in Lisbon (Marquês de Pombal – Avenida da Liberdade - Restauradores).
- Endorse and call for active participation for the international meeting for peace and against NATO of WPC and CPPC on 19th November under the title: **"Yes to Peace! No to NATO! NATO-enemy of peace and the peoples-DISMANTLE IT!"**
- Likewise call upon the peace movements in Europe, in all NATO member states and the whole world, to organize initiatives, protests and demonstrations in their own countries against the NATO member governments and their support to NATO in common action days (November 19-20), coincident with NATO's summit.