

Campaign against occupation and control of Iraq and Afghanistan

WHEREAS the Canadian Peace Alliance opposed the US-led invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 and called for the withdrawal of Canadian forces from that campaign;

WHEREAS the Canadian Peace Alliance opposed the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 and called for the Government of Canada to adopt a position of non-participation and opposition to that campaign;

WHEREAS the invasions and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan have resulted in civilian deaths of approximately 100,000 in Iraq and 3,500 in Afghanistan to date, as well as the destruction of the social and economic infrastructure of both countries;

WHEREAS the invasions and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan are part of a broader campaign, led by the United States government and transnational oil corporations, to assert control over the Middle East region;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, despite its official position of non-participation in the 2003 invasion of Iraq, has been complicit in this broader campaign by virtue of its participation in the invasion and occupation of Afghanistan, and by its facilitation of NATO's unprecedented role in the command of the occupation of Afghanistan, and its participation in Persian Gulf naval operations and the presence of Canadian soldiers at the Qatar Operations Centre;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Peace Alliance facilitate a campaign and call on groups and individuals to:

- Increase existing efforts to inform and mobilize the public to oppose both the US-led aggression against Iraq and Afghanistan, and also the broader effort to assert control over the Middle East region;
- Press the Government of Canada to withdraw Canadian troops from Afghanistan, and to denounce the invasions and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan;
- Press the Government of Canada to enact legislation that prohibits corporations based in Canada from engaging in business in or with occupied Iraq or occupied Afghanistan.

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