On May 25th, NATO leaders will meet in Brussels for an important NATO summit and for the inauguration of the new headquarters. US president Donald Trump has announced a new sharp increase in US military spending and urges Europe to do so as well. The increase of the military budgets to the NATO target of 2% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will undoubtedly be one of the important topics on this summit. NATO and its member states will use the money to continue their participation in illegal wars and military interventions and to invest in new modernization programs. NATO is a danger to peace and security.

We resist! We don’t want more money for war! We want investments in education, health, job creation and solidarity.

We hope that this conference can contribute to our common resistance to militarization, and can serve as a platform for peace activists from all over the world to share their knowledge, thoughts, actions and ideas for strategies.

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09:00  Registration
09:30  Opening of the Conference  FLOOR-1
Welcome by Naima Requesens (CNAPD, BE) & Kate Hudson (CND, UK)
09:45  Plenary Session  FLOOR-1
Why we need a world without NATO
1. Wars of Nato Global Nato
   - Nils Andersson (Author, FR)
   - NATO, EU militarisation, confrontation with Russia.
   - Roberto Kuzmanovic (Spokesman La France Insoumise for defence & international relations, FR)
2. NATO, Military spending & Arms Industry
   - A Political Economy of the New Cold War
   - Kevin Van Der Pijl (Ditung is geen Oplegtog, NED)
3. Nuclear arms & UN Treaty to ban nuclear arms
   - Arielle Denis (ICAN, FR)
4. NATO & ‘The war on terror’
   - Max Selmen (Stop The War Coalition, UK)
11:15  Break
11:30  Workshops I  FLOOR-2
A.1. NATO Enlargement
Introduction: Markus Milacic (Movement for the neutrality of Montenegro, MO).
Comments: Joe Lombardo (UNAC, US)
Moderator: Claudine Pâlet (CSO, BE)
B.1. EU-NATO relations
Introduction: Rainer Braun (IPB – Nin)
Comments: Christian Pierrel (PCOF, FR)
Moderator: Nicolas Bâdăo-Feilenthaly (CNAPD, CND)
C.1. NATO, economic interests, arms industry, arms trade
Introduction: Luc Mampey (GRIP, BE)
Comments: Eric Brown (CGT, FR)
Moderator: Brain Vromen (Vredesactie, BE)
D.1. Woman and NATO
Introduction: Ana Azario (Femmes en Egalité, FR)
Comments: Kristine Karchi (No to War, No to NATO, DE)
Moderator: Maggi Poppe (NVR, BE)
11:30  | Special Session I: US nuclear arms in Europe: Nuclear Weapons and how to abolish them?  FLOOR-0
Part I: General analysis of situation – Panel
Lucas Witt (INES, DE), Arielle Denis (ICAN, FR), Sjur Snyder (Pax, NL)
Moderator: Dave Webb (CNAPD, CND)
11:30  | Special Session II: 2% military spending guideline: analysis and strategies in different countries -  FLOOR-1
Part I: What does 2% mean for different countries and populations? Panel
Ingeborg Brekke (IPB, NO), Jordi Colvo (Center for Peace Studies, JD, ES), Tobias Pfügler (On Greece, Former MP, DE).
Moderator: Luis De Brabander (Vrede vzw, BE)
11:30  | Movie Session "Shadow World"
Part I: screening of film  FLOOR-1
13:00  Lunch
14:15  Workshops II  FLOOR-2
A.2. NATO and Russia - Do we need Helsinki?
Introduction: Wolfgang Gehrke (MP Die Linke, DE)
Comments: Yves-Jean Colin (MVTFAKX, FR)
Moderator: Georgプレゼント Spritzer (Vrede vzw, BE)
B.2. NATO, militarization in the Mediterranean & the refugee crisis
Introduction: Mark Akkerman (Stop Wapenhandel, NED)
Comments: Wali Amidzad (AF)
Moderator: Carlos Goffi (MCP, CND)
C.2. Military interventions & the peace movement
Introduction: Georges Bergheau (CSO, BE)
Comments: Doug Wier (CBOUW, UK)
Moderator: Rico Verrijp (CBOUW, BE)
D.2. Media & war
Introduction: Laëtitia Vanootegem (Journalisti DeWereldMorgen, BE)
Comments: Leo Gabriel (VWSF, AT)
Moderator: Rachid Abiz (Le Spece, BE)
14:15  | Special Session II: US nuclear arms in Europe: Nuclear Weapons and how to disarm them?  FLOOR-0
Part II: Strategies and campaigns in the countries – Panel
Moran Kipper (Bichet Atembombenfrei, DE), Pierre Testard (Vrede vzw, BE), Jean-Taschi Vaccaro (IT), Kate Hudson (CND, UK), Sjur Snyder (Pax, NL), Moderator: Dave Webb (CNAPD, CND)
14:15  | Special Session II: 2% military spending guideline: analysis and strategies in different countries -  FLOOR-1
Part II: Strategies and actions of peace movements – Panel
Ingeborg Brekke (IPB, NO), Jordi Colvo (Center for Peace Studies, JD, ES), Edith Boulanger (MVTFAKX, FR), Chris Ninham (Stop The War Coalition, UK), Coralee Mampey (CSO, BE), Moderator: Luis De Brabander (Vrede vzw, BE)
14:15  | Movie Session "Shadow World"  FLOOR-1
Part II: Discussion on international arms trade and global arms industry with Andrew Feinstein (Former MP ANC, ZA), author of Shadow World.
15:45  Break
16:00  Final Session  FLOOR-1
How to delegitimize NATO - Panel discussion with representatives of the peace movement:
Ann Wright (Veteran for Peace, US), Chris Ninham, (Stop The Wapenhandel, UK), Piotr Hlavac (New Left, PL), Pierre Braun (IPB, No to war, No to NATO, DE), Claudine Pâlet (CSO, BE), Francis Wurtz (MVT PAIX, BE), Moderator: Kate Hudson (CND, UK)
17:30  Closing remarks  FLOOR-1
Ludo De Brabander (Vrede vzw, BE) and Claudia Haydt (European Left, DE)
18:00  Reception