



**Saturday, January 25, 2020**  
**International Peace Mobilization Day**  
**Switch off war, turn on Peace!**  
**against wars and dictatorships**  
**alongside peoples fighting for their rights**

*"War is an absolute evil and must be 'repudiated', as stated in Italian Constitution: it should no longer be an option for politics and diplomacy."*

President Trump's blitz to kill Iranian General Soleimani, the deputy head of an Iraqi militia and six other Iranian soldiers, is a war crime and a violation of Iraqi sovereignty. Together with Iranian retaliation, it has also affected the three-months-long struggle of young Iraqis against the sectarian system established by US occupation and Iranian interference; in a Country that has been the scene of proxy wars and embargoes for decades.

Iraq, Iran, Syria, Libya, Yemen: players change, roles swap, but is the same game. In the sunset of the old International Order, regional and global powers compete with war for influence areas on the body of local populations. The only alternative currently allowed is the maintenance of theocratic or military regimes - not respectful of human rights - with which to do business, close your eyes and listen to repression, torture and corruption.

War does not only produce destruction, but also remove from the political agenda social issues, by now uncontrollable and exploded in the protests of populations who peacefully occupied squares and streets.

**We can't just stand by**

We must shout out NO to war and its preparation, to those who provoke it in order to justify weapons production and traffic. Wars that, at any time, can provoke a global conflict all the more worrying because of nuclear weapons available to World Powers.

The innocent victims of the civilian plane shot down "by mistake" by a missile, prove once again that war is a scourge for everyone, no one can call himself out, we are all involved.

We express our support for the peoples - the real victims of the wars - those who uprising from Baghdad to Tehran, from Beirut to Algiers, from Damascus, to Cairo, to Jerusalem, to Gaza.

What is happening in the Persian Gulf, adding to bloody wars and rising tensions, highlights the dramatic truth and realism of Pope Francis', repeated but unheard calls for an balanced international disarmament process.

The EU, born to defend Peace, must take a strong initiative - with diplomatic, economic, trade and security actions - to break the spiral of tension and build a political solution, respectful of the rights of peoples, of all ongoing conflicts in the Middle East and start a rapid implementation of the European Plan for Africa (Africa Plan) accompanied by a pact for the shared management of migratory flows.

To stop the spiral of violence is also an Italian responsibility and we call on our Government to act with concrete actions:

- Countering NATO's proposed engagement in Iraq and the Middle East;
- Deny use of US bases in Italy for operations in third countries without a UN mandate;
- Block the purchase of F35s;

- Stop the sale of arms to countries at war or that violate human rights as enshrined in law 187/90;
- Withdraw our soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan, requesting a UN-mandated peace-keeping mission and sending civilian peacekeepers;
- Ensure Italian and international contingent on UNIFIL mission in Lebanon safe.
- Adhere to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and removing them from Italian bases;
- Uphold at European level the need to keep the Iranian Nuclear Agreement alive by implementing measures to lift the embargo on the Italian and European side
- Raise the issue of US-EU relations in NATO within the European Union.

For all this we call to join and participate in the **international mobilization day on Saturday January 25 2020**, promoted by US anti-war Peace movement, which for us will be a great mobilization day against all wars and dictatorships, alongside the peoples who are fighting for their future.

### **Italian promoters:**

#### national organizations:

ACLI, ADIF, AIDOS, AOI, ARCI, ARCHIVIO DISARMO, ASC, ASGI, ASSOCIAZIONE LAUDATO SI', ASSOCIAZIONE PER LA PACE, ASSOCIAZIONE SENZA CONFINE, ASSOPACE PALESTINA, ATLANTE DELLE GUERRE, BEATI I COSTRUTTORI DI PACE, CGIL, CIPSI, CNCA, CULTURA E LIBERTA', EUROPA VERDE, FIOM, FOCSIV, FONDAZIONE A. FRAMMARTINO, FONDAZIONE BENVENUTI IN ITALIA, GRUPPO ABELE, IFE, LEGAMBIENTE, LIBERA, LUNARIA, MEDICINA DEMOCRATICA, MFE, MIR, MOVIMENTO CONSUMATORI, MOVIMENTO EUROPEO, MOVIMENTO NONVIOLENTO, NOI SIAMO CHIESA, OPAL, PAX CHRISTI, PEACELINK, PRC-SE, RETE DEGLI STUDENTI MEDI, RETE DELLA PACE, RETE ITALIANA DISARMO, SBILANCIAMOCI, TAVOLA DELLA PACE, TRANSFORM ITALIA, UDU, UN PONTE PER..., USI, US.ACLI

#### local organizations:

ACLI BRESCIA, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – Sassari, ANPI - Perugia, ASSOCIAZIONE AMERINDIA – Sassari, ARCI PERUGIA/UMBRIA, CGIL PERUGIA, CIRCOLO LIBERTA' E GIUSTIZIA – Umbria, CITTADINANZA ATTIVA - Umbria, COORDINAMENTO PER LA PACE – Como, COSTITUZIONE E BENI COMUNI – Milano, EMERGENCY – Perugia, Venezia, FERMIAMO LA GUERRA - Firenze, FIRENZE CITTA' APERTA, L'ALTRA EUROPA – Venezia, LEGAMBIENTE UMBRIA, LIBERA UMBRIA, PARROCCHIA SS. PIETRO E PAOLO – Papanice (KR), PONTE SOLIDALE - Perugia, SOCIETA' DI MUTUO SOCCORSO – Umbria, RETE DEGLI STUDENTI MEDI UMBRIA, TAVOLA SARDA DELLA PACE, THEATRE EN VOL – Sassari, UDS Perugia/UMBRIA, UDU PERUGIA, VERSO IL KURDISTAN – Umbria, VOCI DELLA TERRA – Roma