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# CALL OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL MOVEMENTS (12/11/2002)

We have come together from the social and citizens' movements from all the regions of Europe, East and West, North and South. We have come together through a long process: the demonstrations of Amsterdam, Seattle, Prague, Nice, Genoa, Brussels, Barcelona, the big mobilizations against neo-liberalism as well as the general strikes for the defence of social rights and all the mobilizations against war, show the will to build another Europe. At the global level we recognize the Charter of Principles of WSF and the call of social movements of Porto Alegre.

We have gathered in Florence to express our opposition to a European order based on corporate power and neo-liberalism. This market model leads to constant attacks on the conditions and rights of workers, social inequalities and oppression of women and ethnic minorities, and social exclusion of the unemployed and migrants. It leads to environmental degradation, privatization and job insecurity. It drives powerful countries to try and dominate the economies of weaker countries, often to deny them real self determination. Once more it is leading to war.

We have come together to strengthen and enlarge our alliances because the construction of another Europe and another world is now urgent. We seek to create a world of equality, social rights and respect for diversity, a world in which education, fair jobs, healthcare and housing are rights for all, with the right to consume safe foods produced by farmers and peasants, a world without poverty, without sexism, without racism, and without homophobia. A world that puts people before profits. A world without war.

We have come together to discuss alternatives but we must continue to enlarge our networks and to plan the campaigns and struggles that together can make this different future possible. Great movements and struggles have begun across Europe: the European social movements are representing a new and concrete possibility to build up another Europe for another world. We commit ourselves to enlarge our networks for the next year in the following mobilizations and campaigns:

- ▶ Against neo-liberalism
  - ▶ Against war
  - ▶ Against racism
  - ▶ Against sexism and homophobia
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# ANTI WAR CALL (12.11.2002) : TO ALL CITIZENS OF EUROPE - TOGETHER WE CAN STOP THIS WAR!

We, the European social movements, are fighting for social rights and social justice, for democracy and against all

forms of oppression.

We stand for a world of diversity, freedom and mutual respect. We believe this war, whether it has UN backing or not, will be a catastrophe for the people of Iraq - already suffering because of the embargo and the Saddam Hussein regime - and for people across the Middle East. It should be opposed by everyone who believes in democratic, political solutions to international conflicts because it will be a war with the potential to lead to global disaster.

There is a massive opposition to war in every country of Europe. Hundreds of thousands have already mobilized for peace. We call on the movements and citizens of Europe to start continent wide resistance to war, and to:

- ▶ Organise massive opposition to an attack on Iraq, starting now
- ▶ If war starts, to protest and organize actions immediately and call for national demonstrations the next Saturday
- ▶ Start organizing enormous anti war demonstrations in every capital on February 15th.

**WE CAN STOP THIS WAR!**