

Join and participate to
ONE STEP TOWARDS PEACE!

International event

21 September 2014
Florence | Piazzale Michelangelo | 11am – 4pm

Stop wars! No more victims! Stop the massacres of civilians
in Gaza, Palestine, Israel, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Congo
For Freedom, Rights, Dignity, Justice, Democracy

Let's remain human, let's make our voices heard, mobilize civil society in Europe and in the Middle East against war, the massacres of civilians and the merchants of weapons; against the policies that have supported, legitimized and sometimes promoted those wars;.

Let's give a voice to those who oppose and resist, in a non violent way, wars, ethnic cleaning, dictatorial regimes, racism, and apartheid

Let's build together a new era of peace, freedom, rights, democracy and justice. Let's work for a civic alliance in Europe and in the Mediterranean against war and for disarmament.

We invite you to join this day of action for peace by coming to Florence and/or organizing actions in your cities and towns.

Please inform the Secretariat of One Step towards Peace about your mobilizations plans:
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OUR CALL

The ONE STEP TOWARDS PEACE we have to do is as urgent as ambitious and difficult. Stop wars and massacres means to finally invest in a strong multilateral governance system with a reformed and strengthened United Nations system; it means changing the development model: from one based on the overexploitation of the planet to the benefit of few people, to a sustainable one for the well-being of all; it means to ensure the application and the respect, by all national governments, of human rights and international agreements as well as effective sanctioning; it means recognizing the right of asylum, welcoming people escaping wars; it means investing in research, education, environment, sustainable economy and decent work, social justice, democracy, culture, civil defense, cooperation on the basis of peaceful coexistence and plural and democratic global governance. The huge budgets spent on armaments and wars should be used to fund these objectives.

ONE STEP TOWARDS PEACE is not done is urgently needed to radically change the dreadful scenario we have in front of us:

2,000 dead in Gaza, open-air prison for 1.8 million Palestinians, 47 years of Israeli occupation and colonization of Palestine, violation of self-determination in Ukraine, Palestine and Western Sahara 200,000 victims of the Syrian conflict and about 2000 deaths that the war in Iraq is causing every month; criminal and organized crime infiltration in every conflict, the use of terrorism, torture, unlawful detention, fundamentalism, support for dictators and middle age monarchies to defend powerful vested interests; ... an endless list of dramatic events that are systematically repeated, becoming part of our daily lives as if they were inevitable disasters to continue the course of our civilization.

This is the crossroads we face: shall we continue denouncing in general terms this reality or shall we set up a strategic action plan and work with determination to change the policies which are responsible for the proliferation of wars and to build an alternative? Shall we keep pointing the finger only on the effects or expose and eradicate the causes of direct violence, cultural and structural permeating our system?

We want to build an alternative of courage, nonviolence, civil disobedience.

In Florence, in continuity with the Arena of Peace and Disarmament Event (April 2014), we will listen to people coming from war areas and of those who work -in Europe and the world- for peace. We will collect and launch concrete demands to mark ONE STEP TOWARDS PEACE.

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