



JOINT COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE —Jakarta, 19-21 May 2003—

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IRAQ AND THE GLOBAL PEACE MOVEMENT: WHAT NEXT?

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To our friends in the global peace movement:

Greetings of peace.

The past few months were witness to the emergence of a global peace movement that is unprecedented in scale and reach. But with our failure to stop the war and with the current occupation of Iraq, it is both very urgent and necessary for the global peace movement come together again to assess the present conjuncture, make common stand on some pressing questions, and to strategize its next moves. The momentum must not be lost. Demoralization must not be allowed to weaken the ranks.

It is because of this that a conference, entitled "Iraq and the Global Peace Movement: What Next?" has been called for and hurriedly organized by various groups from Asia and Europe this coming May 19-21 in Jakarta, Indonesia. Invited to attend are around 50 leaders and representatives of anti-war coalitions and movements from all over the world, plus hundreds of Indonesian peace activists.

Jakarta was chosen precisely because it is home to probably the strongest anti-war movement this side of Asia and the region is a potential flashpoint in the US' endless "war against terror."

Broadly, the main objectives of the conference will be to:

- bring together and link up a broad range of representatives from peace movements around the world; in particular, strengthen currently weak linkage between peace movements in Asia, on the one hand, with European and North American peace movements, on the other
- assess recent developments in Iraq, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Northeast Asia and their implications for the global peace movement
- draw up a concrete and detailed plan of action for responding to these developments from different fronts

In particular, the following questions should be confronted and a consensus on answers should ideally be reached:

- What should we do with Iraq now? How do we deal with the oil and reconstruction corporations?
- What should we do with the United Nations? What should its role be in post-war Iraq?

- What can we do to prevent “future Iraqs”?
- How to bring the United States and Britain to face consequences of war? i.e. monitoring and documenting war crimes, filing charges before international court, etc.
- How do we sustain the momentum of global peace movement and how can we broaden it further?

Please see attached concept paper for more details.

In recognition of your leading role in the anti-war movement in your country, we would like to request you to attend this crucial meeting at this critical time.

We understand that this is a very short notice but it's important that the peace movement convenes as early as logistically possible and we want to make sure that you can make it.

The conference is open to all interested parties but participants should be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Please fill up the registration form and e-mail it to herbert@focusphilippines.org immediately. We will get back to you with more details about the conference as soon as you confirm your attendance.

Thank you very much and we hope to hear from you.

In solidarity,
(on behalf of the organizers)



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