

## End NZ support for the 'war on terrorism'

We the undersigned condemn all forms of terrorism, including state terrorism, and support all those responsible for terrorist acts being brought to justice.

We oppose the US government-led 'war on terrorism' which has resulted in thousands of civilian deaths and injuries. We are appalled that US and other corporations are using the 'war on terrorism' to profit from increased military spending, and from the privatisation of essential public services in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are horrified that other governments around the world have used the pretext of the 'war on terrorism' to launch military and paramilitary attacks on civilians; and to commit gross human rights violations.

We reject the NZ government's military and political support for the 'war on terrorism', and the link between this support and the advancement of 'free' trade agreements.

## **Accordingly:**

- We insist that the NZ government cease all military and political support for the 'war on terrorism', and recall all NZ military personnel deployed overseas who are involved in it in any way;
- We demand that the NZ government condemns any military action or other acts of violent oppression undertaken in the name of the 'war on terrorism'.

We call on the NZ government to initiate and support positive ways of reducing the threat of terrorism and war, in particular by improving the social and economic conditions of the peoples of the world.

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Supported by: Christian World Service, Dunedin Coalition Against War, Global Peace and Justice Auckland, Golden Bay Peace Group, Nelson Peace Group, Pax Christi Aotearoa-NZ, Peace Action Network Otautahi, Peace Action Wellington, Peace Foundation, Peace Movement Aotearoa, Rotorua Peace and Justice, Urban Vision Social Action Group, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Copies of this form are available at www.converge.org.nz/pma/petition.htm or from Peace Movement Aotearoa. Please consider making a donation to support national peace networking - if you can help, please make your cheque payable to 'Peace Movement Aotearoa', and include a note with your name, address, and amount enclosed, to be sent a tax deductible receipt. Thank you. Please return signed petition forms to PMA, PO Box 9314, Wellington. The final deadline is 30 June 2004.