

No More War in Europe - An appeal for civic action in Europe and beyond

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Another war in Europe no longer seems improbable or unlikely. For some people of the continent, it has been a reality already in Ukraine, in Georgia, in Nagorno Karabakh and on the Turkish-Syrian border. So are the military build ups and threats of full scale warfare.



European security architecture, set up after World War II and then in the Helsinki agreements, has proven outdated and is facing its most serious challenge in decades.

We, civic activists from states that are signatories to the European Convention on Human Rights, members of the Council of Europe or participating in the OSCE note the urgent need to prevent war in Europe.

We believe that the connection between peace, progress and human rights is inextricable. A strong and free civil society, rule of law and real guarantees for the protection of human rights are key elements of comprehensive security within larger Europe, yet coordinated and purposeful suppression of civil society institutions in a number of countries as a theme is sidelined to the margins of international relations. Authoritarian contagion, as seen in Russia, Turkey, Belarus, Azerbaijan, Poland, Hungary, and in the Brexit and Trump phenomena, is associated with international conflict, social injustice, discrimination and division. It is a threat just as dangerous as the COVID-19 pandemic or climate change.

We are convinced those common challenges should be addressed through international dialogue of which civil society is an integral part. Such international dialogue should include three key pillars that defined Helsinki agreements: (1) security, disarmament and territorial integrity; (2) economic, social, health and environmental co-operation; (3) human rights and the rule of law.

We call upon the goodwill of states to pursue that dialogue and underline our commitment to assist those efforts.

We believe that a joint international civic movement with an anti-war and pro-human rights stance is a necessity and commit ourselves to pursue its formation throughout Europe.

Please join us!

Еще одна война в Европе более не кажется маловероятной. Для некоторых жителей континента она уже стала реальностью: в Украине, в Грузии, в Нагорном Карабахе, на турецко-сирийской границе. Также реальностью стали и наращивание военной мощи, и угрозы развертывания полномасштабной войны.

Архитектура европейской безопасности, созданная после Второй мировой войны, а затем в рамках Хельсинкских соглашений, оказалась устаревшей и столкнулась с самым серьезными вызовами за последние десятилетия.

Мы, гражданские активисты из государств, подписавших Европейскую конвенцию о правах человека, членов Совета Европы или участвующих в ОБСЕ, подчеркиваем срочность и важность предотвращения еще одной войны в Европе.

Мы убеждены в неразрывной связи между миром, прогрессом и правами человека. Сильное и свободное гражданское общество, верховенство права и реальные гарантии защиты прав человека являются ключевыми элементами всеобъемлющей безопасности в рамках большой Европы, однако теме скоординированного и целенаправленного подавления институтов гражданского общества в ряде стран, увы, придается второстепенное внимание на периферии международных отношений. “Заражение общества авторитаризмом”, которое мы видим в России, Турции, Беларуси, Азербайджане, Польше, Венгрии, а также в феноменах Брексита и Трампа, ассоциируется с международными конфликтами, социальной несправедливостью, с дискриминацией и разделением людей и обществ. Это такая же угроза, как пандемия COVID-19 или изменение климата.

Мы убеждены, что эти общие проблемы должны решаться посредством международного диалога, неотъемлемой частью которого является гражданское общество. Такой международный диалог должен включать в себя три основных элемента, определивших в свое время Хельсинкские соглашения: (1) безопасность, разоружение и территориальная целостность; (2) экономическое и социальное сотрудничество, взаимодействие в области охраны здоровья и окружающей среды; (3) права человека и верховенство закона.

Мы призываем государства проявить добрую волю к продолжению этого диалога и подчеркиваем нашу готовность содействовать этим усилиям.

Мы считаем, что совместное международное гражданское движение с антивоенной и правозащитной позицией является необходимостью и сейчас, и в будущем, и обязуемся добиваться его формирования по всей Европе.

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