Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba

Cuba expresses its most forceful condemnation of the foreign military intervention into the internal conflict occurring within the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

For Cuba, conflicts must be resolved through dialogue and negotiation, not with the use of military force.

The Security Council succumbed to pressure from some western powers in order to create the conditions leading to this military aggression, which constitutes a blatant violation of international law. The western powers carrying out military attacks against Libyan territory are committing war, destruction and killing under the shameless mask of defending the “international community.”

Nevertheless, Resolution 1973, approved March 17th, the UN Security Council passed a resolution (10 for, and 5 abstaining), that not only imposes a no-fly zone over Libya, but in detail gives all possible options for imperialist countries to attack Libya with whatever they may see fit. With resolution 1973, the US, UK, Canada, France and all other imperialist countries declared war on the people of Libya. The United States of war, destruction and killing successfully brought together a coalition of war mongers under the shameful new fake term of the “International Community.” Immediately after passing resolution 1973, the United States, France, UK, Italy and NATO announced that they are ready to act and impose a no-fly zone and whatever necessary measure needed to be taken against Gaddhafi and the Libyan government. Here in Canada, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, not lagging behind, instantaneously announced that Canada will send 8 CF-18s fighter jets to help enforce the UN resolution of a no-fly zone over Libya. Furthermore, Canada’s foreign affairs minister, Lawrence Cannon, stated “Canada is open to all options”, and when asked if this means deploying troops on the ground he responded, “protecting citizens that are being literally murdered by Gaddhafi, is what the resolution calls for.”

We need to remind ourselves that resolution 1973 is not to bring democracy and human rights to the Libyan people. There is no saving of human lives or any humanitarian intervention on behalf of the Libyan people that can be performed by imperialist powers.

Indeed, this is such an obvious hypocrisy by these war mongers because none of those precious human values mean anything to them. One, we haven’t forgotten the killings of millions of people in Vietnam, more than a million people in Rwanda, killings of more than one million people in Iraq just from 2003 until now, as well as hundreds of thousands of innocent people in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Congo, Nigeria, Sudan, Somalia and many other poor and sovereign countries which the west has intervened into.

Cuba supports the Libyan people’s inalienable right to self-determination without any foreign interference, repudiates the deaths of civilians in Libya and in any other place and supports this nation’s territorial integrity and its sovereignty over its own resources.

Havana, March 20, 2011

March 17, 2011

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To Stopwar.ca and the Canadian Peace Alliance (CPA),

We are in Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO) and against the war against Libya. Last March, at the time of the bombing, Stopwar.ca and CPA co-chair Derrick O’Keefe correctly identified Libya as a “key front of the global war on terror.”

When Stopwar.ca and CPA invited speakers who advocate the war in Libya, we were ignored. This continued at Stopwar.ca’s rally Monday in New York and San Francisco, where di-hard imperialists were still writing and speaking openly for the war.

As Stopwar.ca has invited speakers who advocate the war on Libya, it has united the population. Their cohesion has grown from millions to billions and billions that is supposed to be about taking a stand against war and occupation.

Because of our experience in Canada we are concerned that similar events played out there. The CPA, in Canada, has the responsibility to provide leadership and a clear political direction to its membership organizations, especially at such a crucial time.

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We stand with the U.S. anti-war movement to challenge the war on Libya. We call on the CPA and all CPA members to support Stopwar.ca’s position on Libya.

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For more than two months people in North Africa and the Middle East, from Morocco to Yemen, have been in struggle for freedom, social justice, democracy, self-determination and against imperialism. The growing momentum of this mass struggle has challenged the imperialists of the world. In lifetimes of more than a few million Moroccans, Algerians, Tunisians, Egyptians, Jordanians, Iraqis, Libyans, Syrians, Yemenis, Iranian and Palestinians have sought to resist against the role of the imperialists in their countries, for the rest of the countries in the region, are not ruled by an imperialist client regime. In these countries within theframework of an anti-imperialist movement of local and international solidarity, as well as the framework of the struggle of the non-imperialist countries of the world, the struggle of the masses is being fought both locally and internationally away from the role of the imperialists’ destruction in the region. The U.S. and other imperialist countries have been trying very hard to disperse this struggle. The new direct assault by the U.S. is the start of the old rotten regimes in the Middle East and North Africa.

While this manoeuvring worked at the beginning of this latest round of mass struggle, and imperialism has imposed a huge setback for imperialist hegemony in the Middle East and South Asia, Egypt working people have already risen up against the regime in order to fight for rights against the disregard of the dictates of democracy.

In non-client countries, such as Iran, Syria, Yemen, Egypt, Sudan and Tunisia, the striking and marching campaigns simultaneously for democracy and against imperialism have not been recognized as ‘transition for democracy’. All the while they are trying to disperse this movement, reformist parliamentary parties, who for years have tried to channelling the mass movement into a safe and harmless executive. Especially, the imperialists need to recognize these countries, where the majority of these countries, other imperialist client regimes exist, are striving for freedom and self-determination. But in the West, in black and white, they propogate for regime change in independent countries, as they did in the Middle East and Egypt; those that are independent of imperialist countries like Iran, Libya, Syria and Saudi Arabia. There are significant imperialist campaigns, including Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen, Jordan, Bahrain and Qatar, that have raised the issue of Middle East and the latter countries, and in the Middle East, they must get rid of client regime imperialism and imperialist domination. On the contrary, the imperialist movement in the region must reinforce the anti-imperialist and anti-colonial struggle, and the rejection of imperialist hegemony.

The imperialists’ “regime change” military intervention at the expense of people’s lives is not for the benefit of the people but fighting for a better international situation.

The return of imperialism to the independent countries and the establishment of client regimes, as is today the case, represents the mass struggle of the peoples and oppressed people in the region. Such a struggle goes beyond the question of freedom and imperialism brings back more misery and exploitation for decades to come. It is more important than ever to unite the peoples of the world in their own struggle against imperialism and its domination.

We must understand that there is big difference between regimes like Mubarak in Egypt, Ben Ali in Tunisia and Ali Abdullah Saleh in Yemen and regimes in Iran and Libya. The first three regimes have all been puppet of the imperialists and therefore people of those countries must out those puppet regimes in order to advance the movement against imperialism. The second type of regimes are considered to be imperialist dominated, of course, and not independent of imperialism (though they are not truly anti-imperialist regimes). We have also a third option; the third regime type is to be independent of imperialism by imperialists to overthrow these independent regimes. However, the struggle for regime change or bad regimes. It does not mean we support them or the imperialists. Instead we unite with the independent countries against their governments or regimes, it must be absolutely an internal affair without foreign interference.

Since the beginning of the mass revolutionary movements, the U.S. and European imperialists have been trying to crush the mass revolutionary movements with the same model that they are using against the one that is now progressed against Libya. The U.S. imperialists have been involved in the subversion of the people’s regimes in the Middle East and in Libya. They have contributed in the defeat and collapse of the other regimes in the region. Therefore people of those countries must out those puppet regimes in order to advance the movement against imperialism.

In a word the alliance between the United States and the developing capitalist powers, particularly the European countries, and the whole of the imperialists have been a force to fight the democratic struggle of the people, peoples’ resources and fruits of their labor, any hope for the establishment of a world-order democracy, a better life, human dignity and self-determination, would be opposed to a foreign military intervention in their country.

In the Middle East the imperialists have been driven back, and the fact that the brave people of the Middle East and Libya have taken over the power in the region. It is also important to refuse to join in the demonization and rejection movement against the people of the Middle East and Africa.

In another country, where the imperialists also have been involved in the regime change, such as in Iran, the imperialists’ interference.

However, what was terribly tragic in Japan was the fact that the influence of the imperialist powers and the military power.

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