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Mobilization Against War and Occupation Statement

Stop the United Nations Security Council War on North Korea!

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On December 22, 2017, the United Nations Security Council passed another round of brutal sanctions against the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK). Although the United States government was the main proponent of Resolution 2397 (2017), it passed with the unanimous vote of all 15 member-states of the Security Council. These genocidal sanctions are the third to be passed in the UN Security Council this year, amounting to a 90% reduction in the amount of oil that North Korea can import as compared to 2016, while also imposing ruthless restrictions on the import and export of food, as well as agricultural, industrial and manufactured goods. Effectively, they amount to an economic and financial blockade of the country. As well, these new regulations introduce targeted sanctions against 15 North Korean officials, and call for the re-patriation of North Koreans working in other countries within the next 24 months, which will cut off a vital source of income for many families. The U.S. government and their imperialist allies claim that these sanctions are the only way to put an end to North Korea’s nuclear program. In reality, whether imposed by the United States or the United Nations Security Council, sanctions are a weapon of killing people. These ruthless sanctions escalate tensions between the United States and the DPRK. They also further punish the people and government of North Korea for taking a stand as an independent country and refusing to follow the orders of the United States government.

The U.S. government will stop at nothing, at no amount of human suffering, to destroy independent governments in order to gain imperialist hegemony over every part of the globe. Iraq is an example of how little human lives matter to the imperialist policy of sanction and war. Peace to the 2003 invasion over 1.5 million people in Iraq died as a direct result of 13 years of vicious sanctions by the U.S. and UN Security Council, including more than 500,000 children. Then, the U.S. government and their allies invaded, killing millions more and tearing the country apart at the seams.

Other independent countries are also strangled under the mass punishment of sanctions. For nearly 60 years the people of Cuba have been under an cruel and inhumane U.S. blockade that continues to deny Cubans access to life-saving medicines and costs the Cuban economy more than $4.3 billion each year. Although the Cuban government continues to provide nutrition, healthcare, education and housing to all its people, there is still needless suffering imposed by the criminal blockade. Venezuela, Iran, and Syria all continue to face brutal sanctions that deny their people food, medicines and healthcare.
The world has seen for many decades, with its humanitarian community in Yemen calls that it is not of their own making. The entire population suffering from a conflict deprivation with deadly consequences to an infrastructure and brought the provision years - that has destroyed much of its vital. The catastrophic consequences of an armed people of Yemen are already living with agencies condemned the move by Saudi Arabia has tightened this blockade, shutting many essential items, including food, fuel and their allies are imposing an air, land and the infrastructure is turning into Saudi Arabia's Vietnam”, article by the Washington Post titled “Yemen is making it harder for the Saudi government and its military coalition began to protest two years of the Saudi-led coalition. October 8, 2017, marked also the outbreak in Yemen as “the worst cholera epidemic surviving one of the worst outbreaks in the world. The hypocrisy of the US government's demand that North Korea and its military coalition has been drastically failing its so-called mission in Yemen, their puppet Abd Raboo Mansur Hadi, viewed as a traitor by the Yemeni people in their fight against the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen. The only decision seen on the ground is that of the Yemeni people in their fight against the foreign Saudi-led coalition on their Riyadh-led war on Yemen. Despite all the logistical and military support offered by the US and the UK, the Saudi-led military coalition has been drastically failing its so-called mission in Yemen, their puppet Abd Raboo Mansur Hadi, viewed as a traitor by the Yemeni people in their fight against the US government and its military coalition across the blockade to bring in food, medicine and rocket to the Yemeni people and their allies in one of the hardest hit regions in the world. In Yemen's internal crisis in the country is making it harder for the Saudi government to dominate the Middle East, as the U.S. Army Colonel and international leader in the antiwar movement, Ann Wright. Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO) welcomes this important delegation to Vancouver and we look forward to uniting with them in our nation [the United States]." It is clear that this meeting will not put any discussion of U.S.-led aggression, threats, and sanctions against North Korea on the table. Rather, this meeting has been called for further attempt to isolate and dismantle the DPRK, to bolster U.S. and imperialist interests in the region. Any people who want to meet with war-mongers and call for an end to the sanctions imposed on 25 million people in North Korea! Mobilization Against War and Occupation calls on all people to join the war-mongers on the right of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to self-determination, sanctions and military actions against the DPRK to unite. On January 16, 2018 we must protest to let the war-mongers that we are not welcome here!