

## **CANADA OUT OF LIBYA!**

### **Resolve conflicts through peaceful, diplomatic means, not through interference and use of force!**

NOWAR-PAIX unequivocally condemns the escalation of aggression by NATO forces against Libya and the continuing occupation. Since March 2011, these forces have been carrying out brutal interference in Libya and the entire North-African region under the pretext of opposing brutal dictatorships. Once again, an oil-rich nation is being attacked and occupied under the pretext of a “humanitarian effort.”

The path chosen by the Canadian government at this time is one of shunning diplomatic means and setting a course for ongoing interference and aggression in the internal affairs of other countries.

All the facts on the ground reveal that the so-called “rebel” forces have been organized and armed by member-nations of NATO, including Canada. Even with the NATO gun power, the victories of these “rebels” is far from conclusive. It is increasingly clear that the sole aim of this aggression is regime change that is favorable to NATO members-nations and which conveniently allows them to put their hands on Libya’s financial assets as well as on their natural resources - all in the name of “core values and principles that underlie good governance, development and prosperity”, according to Stephen Harper. The Prime Minister recently described the “key role” Canada has been playing in Libya as “forceful but measured action to protect civilians”.

The latest figures indicate 20 000 bombing sorties by NATO forces. An untold number of civilians, including women and children, have been injured or killed, and crucial non-military infrastructure has been destroyed, including the Tripoli International Airport, a modern irrigation system which carried water to 70% of the Libyan population, hospitals and many more. This is what is being referred to as “forceful but measured action” and “humanitarian aid”.

Far from providing people everywhere with world peace and security, such as is being claimed by the Canadian government and others, the situation in Libya is being used by these same forces as a “model” to interfere elsewhere with UN, rubberstamping of NATO’s dirty undertakings. Such claims were expressed by Sarkozy at the mid-September Paris Conference and by Obama at around the same time. The latter stated that the United-States would give itself the right to intervene in situations of “impending genocide”, as long as it was not alone.

This is an initial statement on the matter, but NOWAR-PAIX is resolved to keep you posted on the developing situation as well as on whatever public demonstrations or actions are planned to express our opposition to such outright violations of international law.