

**BUILDING ALTERNATIVES:
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ADOPTED MOTION

NO to the U.S. “anti-missile shield”, NO to new U.S. military bases in Europe!

The 2nd Congress of the European Left Party draws an urgent attention to the following:

- The realization of plans to deploy US military bases in Poland, Czech Republic like those already constructed or under construction in Bulgaria and Romania will seriously endanger the security of the countries supplying to US military its territory, but even more will endanger peace, stability, good- neighborhood and common security at the European and even global level.
- It would turn the four new member states of the EU into the accomplices and hostages of the U.S. arrogance of power, imposing its goals by means of “preventive wars”, flagrantly contradicting the international law and the opinion of the international community. Capturing a part of the EU by the military preparations, justly regarded as a menace by Russia, China as well as other countries, would endanger neuralgic economic interests of our continent, too.
- Expanding the U.S. “National Missile Defense” as far as the Polish and Czech territory would deprive the countries, which may be targeted by an U.S. nuclear strike, from a capability to efficiently retaliate. This would dangerously escalate the arms race and the risk of a nuclear war.
- The U.S. military bases in Bulgaria and Romania intend enhancing the U.S. potential to interfere in the developments in Balkans, the entire south of Europe and the Mediterranean in a way, contradicting the security and economic interests of Europe. They are simultaneously intended to provide a new instrument to the U.S. hegemonic policies in the Middle East and the Gulf, which is a key offender of the centers of tension and the alarming humanitarian crises in the region, as well as of the explosion of terrorism, spreading worldwide. The growing U.S. efforts, in order to achieve a monopoly control over the Middle East natural resources, represent a serious menace to the European and Mediterranean security.
- Most of the citizens of the four new EU member states reject deploying the U.S. military bases in their countries despite a massive manipulation of the public. The position of a democratic majority has been voiced by mass, representative movements, uniting the resistance to deploying the U.S. bases across a broad political spectrum. The range of these initiatives has been recently enriched also by new promising platforms /as e.g. the movement, uniting dozens of the mayors of the Czech towns and villages around to the location, where the U.S. intend to deploy their radar base/. Hundreds of thousands signatures have been already collected under the protest pe-

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titions. A mutual support of those, who resist the U.S. military bases in various European countries, has been strengthening.

- The pressure, in order to deploy the U.S. military bases in Poland, Czech Republic, Bulgaria and Romania, represents a new stage in building the “coalitions of the willing”, which strive to block the efforts of broad democratic forces towards the European foreign and security policies, which would get a powerful counterforce to the hegemonic and militaristic U.S. course, and breaks up the U.N. security system.
- The U.S. military presence in the four new EU member states strives to provide also a shield to the anti-social internal policies replicating the U.S. templates, which contradict the European civilization model, and apply offensive antidemocratic practices, attempts to corner and criminalize the left, existential harassment for a belief, suppressing other civil rights.
- The forces, which strive for as prompt as possible deploying of the U.S. military bases in their own countries, regard them as an unshakeable guarantee of their power contradicting the opinion of a democratic majority.

The European Left, which has been consistently rejecting all the U.S. military bases in Europe, protests decisively against the attempts to further extend their range in Poland and the Czech Republic, as well as in Bulgaria and Romania where these plans are already under implementation, and

1. appeals on all Left and toward to peace obliged European political parties and organizations
 - To emphatically resist further expanding the U.S. military presence on our continent as well as any supportive steps to it from the side of the NATO, EU, or European governments.
 - To actively support those, who resist deploying the U.S. military bases in Poland, Czech Republic, Bulgaria and Romania, and the Vicenza base in the north-east of Italy, incl. facilitating solidarity actions by influential peace movements and personalities. Therefore the EL supports all the mobilizations called by the peace movement for mid-December and will take part in the European march scheduled in Vicenza for December, 15, 2007.
 - To enhance pressure on their own governments, so that they take a decisive stance in favor of removing all the foreign military bases in our as well as other continents, ratify promptly the CFT Treaty, and actively strive for a ban and liquidation of all the nuclear weapons.
2. Mandates the EC of the ELP
 - To carry through a resistance to extending the U.S. military presence in Europe as a key priority of the unity of action of the European radical left parties, and that of con-

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siderable enhancing their joint initiative within a broad spectrum of peace and democratic movements;

- To initiate negotiations with the all-European parties of socialists and social democrats, "greens", liberal and Christian democrats, so that they take clear stances to the issue of further expanding the U.S. "National Missile Defense" and their military presence on our continent, and use their influence within the executive and legislation of their countries and the EU decision-making structures in accordance with the security and economic interests of Europe;
- To demand from the European Commission to take its own responsibility for peace and disarmament, carry out its position in accordance with the neuralgic European interests so that it quits its presently passive stance to the U.S. plans of a further military expansion on our continent. To demand from the European Council and the European Commission to apply its competences and influence vis-à-vis the governments of the EU member states, where deploying the U.S. military bases is under preparations, so that these governments act in accordance with their commitments to the European Union and its constitutive norms, ensure true, balanced informing their own public on all the consequences, which deploying the U.S. military bases would cause in their countries, enable a truly democratic public debate on all the relevant issues, and that the question, whether, and if at all, under which conditions the U.S. military presence in Europe should be extended into their countries, will be decided in an equally democratic manner as their associating to the EU, i.e. through a general referendum.