

WORLD CONGRESS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Thematic Assembly minutes

War and Climate Crisis

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The thematic assembly on war and climate crisis began with interventions from the Transnational Social Strike platform, Interventionistische Linke, and Climat Class Conflict (Italy). The central focus of the discussion revolved around the rejection of war encapsulating the refusal of war logic and the need to link climate movements with the rejection of the widespread extension of war policies at the transnational level.

The assembly highlighted that the effects of war impose different priorities compared to those of climate justice. Fossil fuel continuity is ensured by the rhetoric of energy crisis and security. The war has pushed for a restructuring of production on ecological grounds—not to deliver a more livable planet, but to ensure profits for capital. The need to secure energy supplies legitimizes repressive measures against climate activists, such as in Lützerath, Sainte-Soline, and activists worldwide who are persecuted. Ecological modernization and the abandonment of fossil fuels are the new frontier of accumulation through which capital fractions acquire new investments, save on labor, break free from unions, and impose greater exploitation, as seen in recent weeks in American automotive factories and logistics. The relevance of the war industry and its impact on the climate struggle must be emphasized: fighting against war also means fighting for climate justice. Therefore, it is urgent and necessary to intertwine the struggle against war and militarization with the fights against the fossil fuel industry and for climate justice.

War intensifies the oppression and exploitation of men and women, but it also seeks to create geopolitical alignments. It is necessary to oppose these alignments. Conforming to predetermined fronts means resigning to geopolitical logics. These logics crush on men, women, workers, migrants and LGBTQ* people who directly experience the effects of war. To oppose this logic requires expanding spaces of contestation, to break the silence imposed by predetermined war fronts. This was done during the Permanent Assembly Against the War following the invasion of Ukraine. Now it is urgently needed amid the conflict between Israel and Palestine. We denounce and oppose to the Israeli apartheid regime, the colonialist violence against Palestinians and anti-sionists activists. We ask the end of occupation and the end of bombings and the end of the war. We emphasized the need to break the silence that isolates even in Europe those

who oppose the logic of violence and war, advocating for a peace that sees the end of the oppression of the Palestinian people.

We need to start discussing on how to break the silence imposed by the war and its logic.

Our claim is AGAINST THE LOGIC OF WAR: FOR A CLIMAT AND A CLASS JUSTICE

