



Debate in the European Parliament on:

“Women of the world united for peace against NATO”

The initiative group "**Global Women for Peace united against NATO**" held a debate at the **European Parliament** under the auspices of MEP **Giorgos Georgiou** in which women from 20 countries participated.

The debate was moderated by **Skeyi Koukouma**, Secretary General of Women’s Movement POGO and the main speakers were GUE/NGL MEPs **Clare Daly** from Ireland and **Özlem Demirel** from Germany.

In her intervention, MEP Clare Daly said that war and militarism are anathema to feminism and equality. She stressed that equality, justice and peace are the principles that underpin women's struggle for freedom and there is no room within it for militarism, nor for the use of violence to achieve geopolitical goals. She also mentioned that NATO's sole purpose is domination, not justice or the defence of human rights. In conclusion, she said that women must resist NATO's policies, calling for its dismantling and the restoration of equality and peace.

In her intervention, MEP Özlem Demirel referred to the need for immediate demilitarisation and the imposition of peace only through peaceful means. She also stressed that the funds given for the purchase of arms and military equipment are withheld from the funds for the strengthening of the welfare state worldwide.

Almost all the participants then took the floor, each emphasising the problems that each of them faces in their countries because of NATO's action. The need for world peace, demilitarisation, for the welfare state and for strengthening the protection of human rights was emphasized by all.

The events will continue with other actions and online discussions related to the problems each continent faces from NATO action, and a meeting is planned at NATO headquarters in Brussels to deliver the adopted Declaration.