



Activities of the coalition

The coalition "Global Women for Peace United against NATO", active since March 2023, organized several events on the NATO Summit in Vilnius on 12-13 July 2023. The events took place from 6-9 July 2023 in Brussels – the site of the NATO headquarters.

On Friday 7 July a meeting was held at the NATO headquarters in Brussels in which a 10-member delegation of women from different countries participated.

The delegation met with the Head of the Engagement Section, Public Diplomacy Division Mr. Nicola de Santis and other colleagues. The delegation of women handed over a copy of the Declaration adopted by the initiative group of the coalition and in the process of being signed by thousands of peace advocates around the world.

In an "enthusiastic and proud" manner, de Santis reviewed the history of NATO with references to different periods and gave then the floor to the participants for a brief intervention.

Each participant referred to different issues relating to her region. One of the most important interventions was by the US citizen Ann Wright who served as an Officer in the US Army and in the 1970s was assigned to a NATO subcommand Allied Forces Central Europe. She resigned as a US diplomat in 2003 when the war in Iraq started.

All the speeches highlighted the escalation of NATO's intensifying aggression, the channeling, together with the European Union, of vast sums of money into investments in the war industry and technology, the development of the anti-missile shield and the establishment of a network of military bases around the world. Further issues were ~~and~~ NATO's attempt to globalise its activities, both through its constant expansion eastwards and through the creation of various regional partnerships and satellite programmes. By involving as many states as possible in NATO raids and missions for operational needs NATO creates political legitimacy for its interventions and undermines international law and the principles on which the UN was built.

From Ukraine to Syria and from Africa to the South China Sea, NATO forces are performing the tasks of the armed wing of Western imperialism.

The discussion indicated that the NATO officials had explored the biography of each of the participants, with de Santis making relevant comments in relation to the interventions.

After the statements of the delegation members, Mr de Santis started to comment provocatively on the statements and initiated a verbal confrontation with all the participants strongly highlighting the real role of NATO and its actions aimed at serving its own geo-strategic goals and interests. The debate ended amidst disagreements and counter-arguments.