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### **Declaration on the motive of 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the bombings of Serbia**

The Commission of Europe and North America of the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY-CENA) expresses once again its condemnation of the bombings conducted by NATO forces against the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in 1999 and the effects that it has still now both on civilian population and on global stability.

The attacks on former Yugoslavia that were one of the many chapters that developed in the Balkans since the start of the 1990's were one of the most obscure chapters of the recent European and world history, setting a precedent for future imperialist military interventions on the so called "humanitarian grounds." These "humanitarian grounds" mean no other thing than the defence of the imperialist interests of the US, the EU and NATO. In the Balkans the struggle for the energy sources between US, EU and the growing Russia brings wars, secessions and nationalist conflicts. We denounce that the aggression to Yugoslav sovereignty set the precedent for ulterior imperialist aggressions such as the ones in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The effects of this black chapter in European history are still visible in the Balkans region. The increase of nationalism, the presence of foreign forces, the establishment of new bases and the most recent enlargements of NATO have been one of the many effects in the area. The effects on civilian population are still visible, tore up families, psychological effects on the population that survived the bombings and economical difficulties have been hard to overcome, especially for those with fewer resources. The responsible forces for bombing Yugoslavia, today 9 years later promote hypocritically their ecological sensitivities; in the name of green economy that only serves their imperialists interests.

The latest chapter has been the recent unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo. Declaration promptly recognised by the US and the so call "core" of the EU. WFDY-CENA strongly condemns this illegal action. We denounce the intentions of imperialist forces of turning Kosovo in to a new base of operations in the strategically important area of the Balkans and the possibility of Kosovo becoming the one more imperialist protectorate in the Balkans. Being it, also a disgraceful precedent for future situations all over the world.

In April 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> WFDY-CENA will conduct a solidarity Action, with the participation of organizations from all over Europe, to the Balkans to observe and denounce the effects of years of imperialist aggression in the area, as well as the future intentions that will be discussed in the NATO summit in Bucharest. With this solidarity Action WFDY-CENA will stand once more along the peoples of the Balkans along with our member and friendly organisations in the region, taking the voice of solidarity of the progressive anti-imperialist youth of the world:

**NATO, bases and imperialism out of Balkans!**

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