



STOP THE WAR

PEACE FOR DEVELOPMENT

Memorandum to the Embassy of the United States of America from South Africans United to Stop The War in Iraq

We are South Africans united to Stop the War!

Represented amongst us are men and women, young and old, from all sectors of South African society and from all shades of political opinion: all colours, all creeds, all religious beliefs and all spiritual convictions.

We are united in our conviction that war against Iraq is wrong. It is wrong because it is the poor who will be its main victims. It is wrong because it will inflame, rather than resolve, global conflicts, particularly those in the Middle East. It is wrong because the forces of power and greed motivate it

We are convinced that, as a people, South Africans are united in their opposition to war. We believe that it is of utmost importance that we show this to the world. Indeed the preparations for war currently underway impose a challenge on all peace loving people around the world to act in unity to defend world peace and global democracy. In doing just this, the voices of millions were united on Saturday 15 February to demand that the unjustified and unilateral strike by America on Iraq be halted.

Our unity today, as South Africans who fought many hard struggles for justice, democracy and peace, is symbolic of the unity of all the peoples of the world who are demanding peace for development.

Therefore, we call on the government of the United States to submit to the considered judgement of the vast majority of the world's people that war can and must be avoided.

Furthermore, we call on the government of the United States to immediately halt its preparations for war against Iraq.

And finally, we call on the government of the United States to work together with the other nations of the world in pursuit of world peace and the settlement of international disputes by negotiations – not war.



Organisations Supporting the Declaration of South Africans United Against War in Iraq

Africa Institute (AISA)
African National Congress (ANC)
AIDS Consortium
ANC Women's League (ANCWL)
ANC Youth League (ANCYL)
Anti-Racist Movement (ARM)
Azanian People's Organisation (AZAPO)
Ceasefire Campaign
Centre for Conflict Resolution (CCR)
Centre for Justice and Reconciliation (CJR)
Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR)
Church of the Province of Southern Africa (CPSA)
Civil Society Initiative (CSI)
Congress of South African Students (COSAS)
Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU)
Council of Muslim Theologians (CMT)
Development Action Group (DAG)
Ebenezer
Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (EISA)
Friends of Cuba Society (FOCUS)
Gauteng Network on Violence Against Women
Gun Free South Africa (GFSA)
Human Rights Foundation (HRF)
Human Rights Institute (HRI)
Human Sciences Foundation (HSF)
Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA)
Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD)
Institute for Multi-Party Democracy (IMPD)
Islamic Relief Fund (IRF)
Jamiatul Ulama
Jewish Voices
Justice and Peace
Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR)
Media Review Network (MRN)

Methodist Church of South Africa (MCSA)
Musicians Union of South Africa (MUSA)
Muslim Alliance Against War (MAAW)
National African Federated Chamber of Business (NAFCOC)
Not In My Name (NIMN)
Pan African Youth Congress (PAYCO)
Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC)
Religious Society of Friends
Safer Africa
Sankofa African Renaissance Development Institute
Sexual Harassment Education Project (SHEP)
South African Catholic Bishops Conference (SACBC)
South African Communist Party (SACP)
South African Council of Churches (SACC)
South African National Civics Organisation (SANCO)
South African Students Congress (SASCO)
South African Students Volunteer Organisation (SASVO)
Thusanang
Treatment Action Campaign (TAC)
United Democratic Movement (UDM)
United Democratic Movement Women's Organisation (UDEMWO)
United Democratic Movement Youth Vanguard (UDMYV)
United Democratic Movement Students' Movement (UDESMO)
Youth Power