

Agreements from the First “Encuentro of the Americas: Resisting Militarization and Promoting a Culture of Peace”.

Representatives of diverse social organizations of the Americas, from 19 countries of our continent, met in Sanare Venezuela between June 21 and 25 2010, and agreed to the following:



1. We express our solidarity with the people of Honduras through a document drafted at the Encuentro and made public, that reflects our position and support for the Resistance. In addition, we call for actions in each of our countries in support of the Resistance movement in Honduras.
2. We support the vigil organized by SOA WATCH in Georgia each November, and propose the organization of simultaneous vigils between November 19-21 2010 in front of foreign military bases in Colombia and Honduras, at ILEA in El Salvador, in front of U.S. embassies, as well as other identified locations in each of our countries.
3. We call for the promotion of coalitions of organizations in our countries to support the re-launching of the Continental Campaign against Foreign Military Bases, beginning with the Social Forum of the Americas that will take place in Paraguay from August 11 to 15, 2010, as well as the promotion of popular consultations against the bases.
4. We call upon SOAW to participate at the Social Forum of the Americas in Paraguay, in panels and in other spaces of participation in order to promote these agreements.
5. We call for actions in our countries in support of the Resistance in Colombia, focused on the struggle against the foreign military bases in that country, and encourage the participation of SOAW in the women’s march against the foreign military base in Palanquero, Colombia on August 23, 2010.
6. We suggest that participation of activists from Honduras, Colombia, Haití and México at the 2010 SOAW vigil in Georgia be facilitated.
7. We suggest that the 2010 SOAW vigil in Georgia emphasize the situations in Honduras, Colombia and México, in the workshops and focus of the event.
8. We call for joint actions in support of the Resistance in Haiti, in conjunction with the vigil against militarization in Haiti that will take place on January 12, 2011.
9. We agree to organize a media workgroup to facilitate the establishment of communication networks suggested by this Encuentro.
10. We call for the promotion of “encuentros” in our countries to promote the culture of peace and to promote awareness of the danger that U.S. militarization poses for our continent.

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