

# **Declaration of Russian Socialists: Left for a world without annexations!**

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**This open letter was presented to the November 7, 2024 forum of left emigres from Russia in Cologne, Germany.**

We publish an open letter to the 'Left Anti-War Emigration Forum'.

On the basis of the letter, the Forum participants and signatories formed the Draft Resolution 'Left for Peace without Annexations'.

The Forum, due to existing disagreements, did not make specific resolutions, but proposed several texts, including this one. Part of the forum participants supported the resolution 'Left for Peace without Annexations'.

If you were a participant of the forum or support our resolution and are ready to work together in Germany, you can leave your signature and contacts in our form:

<https://forms.gle/3kzJofTSGP57Zfj8A>.

## **Russian Socialists for a world without annexations**

1. This conference condemns Putin's invasion of Ukraine as a reactionary war of Russian imperialism.
2. We call for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all Russian troops from all territories of Ukraine.
3. There can be no peace without justice. That is why we do not adhere to neutrality in this war but stand on the side of the Ukrainian people in their struggle for the defeat of Russian imperialism.
4. We support the right of Ukraine to obtain arms from wherever it can. This is the legitimate right of all oppressed peoples. The left and the labour movement in Western countries should neither call for sabotage of such military aid nor condemn Ukraine for defending itself with the best weapons available. The sending of such military aid should be under workers' and public control and should not be subject to political conditions or any other restrictions. Military aid should primarily, but not exclusively, come at the expense of European and American corporations that profit or have profited from war and co-operation with Russian business.
5. Only the Ukrainian people have the right to decide how and for how long to continue the struggle for national liberation. Therefore, it is unacceptable to demand from the Ukrainian people a truce, capitulation or concessions regarding their territory, including under the guise of 'referendums'.
6. In this war we are primarily against Russian imperialism. However, as a matter of principle we are against all imperialists, against any imperialism, no matter what country it comes from.
7. The left and the labour movement in the Western countries must call for the complete cancellation of Ukraine's debts.
8. The Russian ruling class must pay reparations to Ukraine for the enormous damage it has done to the country.

9. Down with Putin's dictatorial state monopoly regime!

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