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## **A Call for the U.S. to End Its Wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan U.S. Anti-War Group Sends Declaration and 1400+ Signatures to President Obama**

NEW YORK, N.Y., November 27, 2009 – The New York-based Campaign for Peace and Democracy sent a declaration to President Barack Obama on November 23, entitled “We Call for the United States to End Its Wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan!” The text of the declaration is at <http://www.cpdweb.org/stmts/1014/stmt.shtml> .

To date 1415 individuals have signed the declaration, including Bettina Fay Aptheker; Leslie Cagan, Former National Coordinator, United for Peace and Justice; Roane Carey, Managing Editor, The Nation; Tim Carpenter, Progressive Democrats of America; Noam Chomsky; Jonathan Demme, filmmaker; Manuela Dobos, Brooklyn For Peace; Ariel Dorfman, Author; Martin Duberman, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History; Carolyn Eisenberg, Brooklyn for Peace; Steve Early, Daniel Ellsberg; Thomas Fasy, MD, Brussels Tribunal; John Feffer; David Friedman, Berkeley; Barbara Garson; Irene Gendzier, Boston University; Jana Glivicka, No Bases Initiative, Czech Republic; Suzanne Gordon; Tom Hayden; Chris Hedges; Doug Ireland, Journalist; Jack Kurzweil; Jesse Lemisch; Rabbi Michael Lerner, Editor, Tikkun; Catherine Lutz; Betty and Marvin Mandell; David McReynolds; Dave Marsh, writer, broadcaster; Jack O'Dell; Charlotte Phillips, MD, Brooklyn For Peace; Peter Rothberg, Matthew Rothschild, Editor, The Progressive; Jay Schaffner, Portside; Stephen R. Shalom, William Paterson University of NJ; Adam Shatz, editor, London Review of Books; Alix Kates Shulman, Writer; David Swanson, author of Daybreak; Jan Tamas, Chair of Humanist Party, Czech Republic; David Vine; Wilbert Van der Zeijden, Coordinator International No-Bases Network, Transnational Institute; Immanuel Wallerstein, Yale University; Cornel West; and Emira Woods (Organizations for identification only.) Additional signatures come in daily, and will be forwarded to President Obama at a later date. People who wish to add their names should go to <http://www.cpdweb.org/stmts/1014/stmt.shtml>

“As President Obama nears a decision on sending more troops to Afghanistan, we want the world to know that there are millions of Americans opposed to U.S. military intervention in both Afghanistan and Pakistan,” said Joanne Landy, Campaign for Peace and Democracy Co-Director. “The escalating U.S. wars in Pakistan and Afghanistan are all too reminiscent of the early years of the Vietnam War. We need to stop these murderous interventions now,” Thomas Harrison, CPD’s other Co-Director, noted.

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Founded in 1982, the Campaign opposed the Cold War by promoting "detente from below." The Campaign sees movements for peace, social justice and democratic rights, taken together, as the embryo of an alternative to great power politics and to the domination of society by privileged elites. Other recent CPD campaigns include: an open letter to Iranian officials in defense of human rights leader Shirin