**Press Release**

7/1/2022

**Foreign Ministers' Summit to agree increased Military Spending**

A European Union Foreign Ministers' Summit will be held in Brest, France, on 12th, 13th and 14th of January 2022, to discuss…

*European Strategic Compass that will establish a threat analysis, with plans to undertake missions and operations more rapidly around the world*

*Creation of an EU rapid reaction/external projection force*

*Increase in national military budgets as requested by NATO*

*Establishment of a maritime military presence in the Indo-Pacific region*

*New SCAF air system (80 billion Euros) and Strengthening of Frontex (Border & Coast Guard Agency)*

This Summit is also likely to address the military aspects of the Ocean Summit, that will also be held in Brest around February 2022. French President Emmanuel Macron recently launched this important global environmental event, rejecting any conflict in his grand Napoleonic like support for EU militarisation, military intervention across north Africa, and his support for major arms deals with Middle East dictators.

Following a meeting of the World Peace Council European member organizations, that was held on November 12-13, 2021, in Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal, attended by Roger Cole of PANA…Roger stated, ‘we welcome those planned peace events organised in Brest, France on the 8/9th January and throughout the Foreign Ministers Summit that will attempt to expose the secretive nature of increased EU Military Spending’.

PANA will also support a Vigil organised by the People’s Movement that will take place outside the Dáil Eireann, Dublin that coincides with a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

**New Year’s Vigil outside Dáil Eireann-No to EU Militarism**

 **on Wednesday 19th January 2022, 1-2pm**

Roger Cole of PANA stated, ‘let’s start this new year by demanding our government oppose EU militarisation, campaigns for the withdrawal of US atomic weapons from European soil (Germany, Italy and Belgium) and that Irish media provide more balanced reports on Foreign Affairs. Warmongers and imperialists can always establish their own threat analysis, whilst most people prefer a reduction in military expenditure that could instead fund improved social services, and a rapid reaction to climate change and to the global distribution of vaccines to fight the Covid-19 pandemic’.

To confirm this Press Release…

Tom Crilly, Communications Officer, PANA,

Tel 0035387 2937558

Best Wishes for 2022 and Stay Safe,

Roger Cole, Chairperson, PANA,

Tel 0035387 2611597

Padraig Mannion, Irish Language Spokesperson, PANA,

Tel 0035387 6911293

For more information:

The People’s Movement highlight a confidential document, called the Strategic Compass detailing the EU ‘peace project’s rush to arms!

<https://www.people.ie/news/PN-237.pdf>

The Escalating Crisis in Ukraine Poses an Imminent Threat to World Peace!

<https://uspeacecouncil.org/the-escalating-crisis-in-ukraine-poses-an-imminent-threat-to-world-peace/>

The flawed logic behind French military interventions in Africa…

<https://theconversation.com/the-flawed-logic-behind-french-military-interventions-in-africa-132528>

Beijing Olympics boycott: France vows to coordinate EU position…

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/eu-china/news/beijing-olympics-boycott-france-vows-to-coordinate-eu-position/>

Borrell calls for EU involvement in Ukraine security talks…

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/europe-s-east/news/borrell-calls-for-eu-involvement-in-ukraine-security-talks/>

The German government is openly calling for a United States of Europe, and it remains to be seen how Irish politicians will react.

<https://gript.ie/german-government-calls-for-european-superstate-gript/>