

# Joint Anti-War Statement



We gather for the SB64 in Bonn at a time of widening wars plunging humanity and the planet into intensifying cycles of suffering and crises. We cannot discuss climate action in a vacuum while the world is burning. Wars, often fought over fossil fuel control, generate massive greenhouse gas emissions while destroying the ecosystems that sustain life. Fossil fuels have been driving warfare for over a century. From colonial resource extraction to today's military-industrial complex, the same interests that hinder climate action are those that finance and fuel armed conflicts.

Fossil fuels are treated as ordinary commodities when they actually are fueling wars, without proper accountability. There is a structural regulatory gap regarding the materials that fuel these conflicts. Fossil fuels like gas, coal, crude oil, and military aviation fuels are essential inputs for modern warfare and illegal occupations, yet they are not subject to the same export controls or due diligence as weapons. The "military-fossil fuel-extractivism nexus" ensures that while climate finance remains critically underfunded, global military spendings reach new records (\$2.7 trillion in 2024). Prioritizing the machinery of war over the survival of the planet is a deliberate choice that speaks volume.

Furthermore, one obstacle to accountability is the "invisibility" of military climate impacts. Military activity accounts for an estimated 5.5% of the global total of emissions, more than any individual country other than China, the United States and India. However, this figure does not include emissions arising from armed conflict or post-conflict reconstruction, suggesting that the true climate impact is likely substantially higher. Yet, despite the military sectors' significance to global emissions, separate reporting of military emissions is voluntary, resulting in incomplete and inconsistent data. Governments reporting to the UNFCCC often omit key emission sources, and often hide behind national security exemptions to justify incomplete reporting. Without a mandatory accounting of this carbon footprint, which is likely substantially higher than what is currently reported, the UNFCCC and its Parties cannot implement a just transition.

Finally, while climate finance remains underfunded, the diversion of public resources toward militarization and weapons production undermines states' obligations to use the maximum available resources for climate and human rights. Shifting these funds is not just a moral imperative but a necessity for funding meaningful and effective climate action.

## **REALITY CHECK**

We cannot achieve climate justice while ignoring the actors and states responsible for genocide, ecocide, militarized dispossession, and the violation of human rights. We condemn Israel's ongoing genocide in Palestine and its aggression in Lebanon. We condemn Russia's systematic aggression in Ukraine. We condemn the United States for its interventionism, including the illegal fuel blockade and "energy starvation" against Cuba, the military attacks and repeated threats of force against Venezuela and Iran, the deadly military campaigns in the Caribbean, and the non-consensual re-militarization of Puerto Rico. We further condemn the United Arab Emirates for fueling the genocide in Sudan through illegal arms transfers, and the complicity of Global North states (including EU States and the U.S.) whose mineral demand drives the militarized plunder of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, displacing over 8 million people. Those are only a few examples among many others where communities are paying the price of a global system that prioritizes militarization over human dignity and ecological survival. The destruction of farmland, forests, water systems, energy infrastructure, and entire neighborhoods leaves behind not only human suffering but also a toxic environmental legacy that will burden future generations.

States are bound by international human rights obligations arising from treaties they have ratified and from norms of customary international law. States that commit internationally wrongful acts in breach of their human rights obligations incur state responsibility, giving rise to obligations of cessation and reparation. This accountability necessarily includes the binding duty of States to regulate and sanction the private sector under their jurisdiction including the corporations, financial institutions, and the full range of economic actors linked to the military-industrial complex that profit from or contribute to armed conflict and illegal occupation. There must be accountability. We must put an end to the systemic impunity normalizing people's suffering and trampling on human dignity.

We stand in solidarity with all peoples facing war, occupation and extractivist dispossession.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATES AT SB64:

- **Mandatory military carbon accounting**: Parties must require the **mandatory accounting of all military emissions** in National Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the Global Stocktake (GST) as well as reported to the IPCC GHG inventories, through transparent and standardized reporting that assesses, monitors, and reports both direct military emissions and the environmental and climate impacts of wars, military occupations, and attacks on civilian and energy infrastructure. This transparency is critical for a just transition, as each dollar funneled into the military **generates more than twice the greenhouse gas emissions** of a dollar invested in civilian sectors.
- **Redirect military spending to climate finance**: States must shift public spending away from weapons production and toward climate finance. We highlight that **reinvesting just 15% of global military spending** (\$387 billion) would more than cover the annual costs of climate adaptation for developing countries
- **Close the fossil fuel accountability gap**: States must establish **mandatory end-use certification and due diligence for fossil fuel exports to conflict parties**, classifying military fossil fuels as dual-use materials subject to the same export controls as arms. Energy is a right, not a weapon. It cannot fuel wars and genocides, nor be weaponised as collective punishment.

Every human life has inherent dignity. No climate agreement, no trade deal, and no geopolitical interest can ever justify the violation of human rights. We demand a people-centered and human rights-based multilateralism built on the total dismantling of the machinery of war and the restoration of people's right to a peaceful, healthy, and just future.

There's no climate justice without human rights, there's no peace without justice.