



CLOSING REMARKS by ALAIN ROUY (Le Mouvement de la Paix, IPB Vice-president) June 11th 2023

Liebe FriedensfreundInnen, chers militants pacifistes, dear peace activists,

we did it! we succeeded in bringing together this peace summit with participants from all over the world! This is a unique event in which you took part!

The organisers were threatened and intimidated, but we remained determined to promote alternatives to the escalation of war. **Together we are calling for a ceasefire and negotiations now.**

We have heard the voices of civil society in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus: all calling for an end to hostilities, death and destruction now. These are courageous voices fighting not just for peace but for democracy. We will continue to support them with all our might.

We have heard the voices of the global south and we will long remember the words of David Choquehuanca calling for an awakening of conscience. The peoples of the South, who have no hegemonic views, are suffering the consequences of the wars waged by the great powers and are appalled to see how much money is being wasted on military expenditure at a time when there is not enough money to resolve the major challenges facing humanity.

We have heard the voices of peace activists in Western countries who are opposed to the militarisation of international relations and who are calling for mediation, diplomacy and negotiation.

All these voices, diverse and united, have a common appeal to the world's leaders : you must act for peace now ! Hostilities must end, human lives must be preserved, destruction must stop ! You must do it now !

In each of our countries, we are going to relay this demand, we are going to make these demands, and we are going to increase our mobilisation. This Summit and the Vienna Declaration will give us the strength to continue working for peace.

Thank you all for your commitment! We are sure that your experiences here in Vienna have strengthened your convictions. Thank you all very much!

Stop the war !

Let's give peace a chance !