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**Resistance  
is Life!**

## **Against the wars they supervise, organize for peace!**

### **Call for protests against the G20 Summit 2017 in Hamburg**

#### **G20 – Normalizing the state of exception**

On the 7th and 8th of July, when the self-proclaimed “Rulers of the World” will once again come together, they will have no glad tidings for humanity or ecology. Such is the depth of the crisis of capitalism. These “Rulers of the World” just want to ensure that their power prevails and they are willing to use any brutal method to achieve this. This is why they are building their militaries and their police apparatus. To fight war and to sell weapons – so that wars can be fought – has become a very profitable business. To ensure that they stay in power, these “Rulers” have resorted to extensive disciplining and suppression of the peoples. Examples of this we are currently witnessing in the USA with the newly elected President Trump and in Turkey, where President Erdogan with his openly fascist methods, is waging a war against the people’s resistance. He has occupied parts of north Syria, Iraq and south Kurdistan, and has used airpower against the civilian population in these areas.

While the G20 Summit will be underway in Hamburg, NATO member Turkey will mark one year since the state of emergency was proclaimed in July, 2016. That means one year of suppressing the opposition through arrests, blackmail and torture; of censorship and enforced conformity on the press; of human rights abuses; of repeal of the principle of separation of powers; of inciting nationalism, militarism and racism, as well as sexist and patriarchal attacks.

The western capitalist states, who proudly like to call themselves as proponents of human rights, stand shoulder to shoulder with the AKP regime. The introduction of the presidential system would be an official legitimization of the one-man dictatorship that Turkey has evolved under Erdogan. Only recently Chancellor Merkel visited Turkey, weeks before the referendum – just like she did in 2015, days before the popular elections – to express her support for the Turkish government and symbolize the cooperation between the Turkish and German states.

It is not by coincidence that Hamburg serves as the venue for this year’s G20 summit. The Federal Republic of Germany is playing a leading role in European and international politics.

The German military is involved in wars across the world. The austerity politics of Germany has destroyed the economy of countries like Greece and has made them dependent on German largesse. At the same time, Germany’s leading weapon producers such as Heckler &

Koch, Krauss-Maffei and Rheinmetall are delivering weapons across the world or opening factories in countries where wars rage.

Also, the G20 Summit in Hamburg is the first to be held in a European city since 2001 in Genova. Where at the protests, a 21-year old Carlo Giuliani was shot by the police.

Choosing Hamburg as the location for the G20 Summit has a twofold political signal. On the one hand, Germany solidifies and reasserts its position as a leading force. On the other, it tests how far rulers can extend their dominion and how strong of a resistance there will be against them. Against this oppression and against the hegemony of capitalist modernity, only one answer can be given: to organize ourselves and to resist daily against the system. We oppose a system based on patriarchy, state, power and violence by proposing ideas based on gender-equality, self-determination, a free life and democratic confederalism. Without the State and Power a better life is possible. The construction of a grass-roots based democracy, ecology and gender-equality has already begun in Rojava. It is up to us to defend and expand our resistance and our building of the ‘new’. When the Trumps, Erdogans, Merkels and the others come to Hamburg, we will show them what we think of them and what we think of ‘life’.

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