## War for Oil? ... Please - Vote for Peace!

Many people around the world are deeply concerned regarding world peace after November 2nd, 2004. We urge the United Nations to call upon all nations to respect democratic decisions by the United Nations and to renounce from so-called pre-emptive military force. We call upon all American Citizens to vote – Please vote for Peace.

George W. Bush ("We see America's character in our military.") and Richard Cheney quite openly announced to start additional wars and to further ignore democratic decisions by the United Nations (Republican National Convention, New York, September 2004).

What the Bush-Cheney administration didn't tell in New York, was published by the Center for Defense Information (CDI, Washington, DC) in the CDI paper "Terror and Oil in Central Asia" (June 13, 2002):

"The <Oil> gap between what the United States produces and what it consumes is expected to grow. Oil reserves on U.S. territory are increasingly scarce while consumption is expected to grow by as much as 25 percent over the next 20 years, necessitating the search for additional foreign sources of oil."

It is well known for years that no relevant new sources of oil and gas exist world-wide. In the context of the CDI paper, the phrase "necessitating the search for additional foreign sources of oil" can only lead to "necessitating wars for oil". The facts presented by the CDI paper suggest much more that we are in a war for oil than in a war against terror - but one might be used for the other. The CDI paper, published in 2002 – after the war in Afghanistan – already points out the potential of oil reserves in Iraq:

"However, much of the increase in <Oil> imports will come from the Middle East, which is home to a lion's share of the world's proven oil reserves. ... Saudi Arabia leads with 25 percent of the world's proven reserves, followed by Iraq with 11 percent, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Iran each with 9 percent."

The CDI paper also informs of the background for the war in Afghanistan and the documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" quoted that the agreement for the long-delayed US\$ 3.2 Billion natural gas pipeline was finally signed just after the war in Afghanistan ("Afghan Leaders Sign US\$ 3.2 Billion Pipeline Deal," Associated Press, December 27, 2002):

"The addition of Caspian oil could weaken the OPEC monopoly, providing greater leverage over the pricing policies of Saudi Arabia and other OPEC countries, ultimately contributing to lower world oil prices. ... Moreover, American firms are among the world's largest oil producers, and their interests in developing and exporting Caspian energy resources neatly coincide with the U.S. desire to add to the world's sources of oil."

Despite all these facts, the CDI paper still tries to show that we are not in a war for oil. The paper concludes:

"Oil is no doubt a part of the puzzle that is the U.S. policy toward Central Asia – but by no means the only, or even the most important part."

Today – after the war in Iraq – we can better conclude what was already described by the Center for Defense Information in 2002: Oil is no doubt the U.S. policy towards Iraq. The Polish Foreign Minister explained it frank and honest. "The Polish Foreign Minister, Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz, said his country had never disguised the fact that it sought direct access to the oilfields."

"We have never hidden our desire for Polish oil companies to finally have access to sources of commodities," Mr Cimoszewicz told the Polish PAP news agency. Access to the oilfields "is our ultimate objective," he added. (Poland seeks Iraqi oil stake, BBC News, July 3rd, 2003)

The so-called necessity and "the search for additional foreign sources of oil" with the resulting wars for oil can be replaced by already existing and save technologies to harness the peaceful renewable energies: Solar, Wind, Water, Biomass/gas, Geothermal. By exporting these technologies we can also help other countries to develop their economy, build their energy supply and to stabilize their social societies. This is a peaceful solution to major world problems and the best protection against terrorism.

## "An Energy Independent America"

provides significant opportunities to

our Economy, our Security, our Independence, our Ecology and does enable Peace.

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