

World Peace Council



A Brief History

The first World Congress of Intellectuals for Peace convened in Wroclaw, Poland on 6 August 1948 and made an appeal for the struggle for peace the world over to be organized. On 20 April 1949 the first World Congress of Peace Forces, convened simultaneously in Paris and Prague.

A decision was taken during this Congress to found the World Peace Council, and a year later this decision was implemented in Warsaw, with the French academician and Nobelist Frederic Joliot Curie its first president.

The first campaign organized by the WPC was to collect signatures worldwide on a petition demanding the abolition of atomic weapons.

The WPC then continued its struggle against the arms race and for a nuclear test ban. It played a leading part in stopping the aggressive war waged by the US against Vietnam.

In the seventies the WPC organized a global campaign against the production of the neutron bomb, announced by US president Carter.

The WPC made a decisive contribution to world dente and peace by signing the Final Act of Helsinki.

It took initiatives both in Europe and worldwide against NATO's deployment of Pershing and Cruise missiles in Europe. It has also promoted the concept of nuclear - free zones being established in Europe and elsewhere. Initiatives were likewise taken by the WPC to denounce the US decision on Star Wars.

Since 1991 the WPC has been waging a struggle against the New World Order.

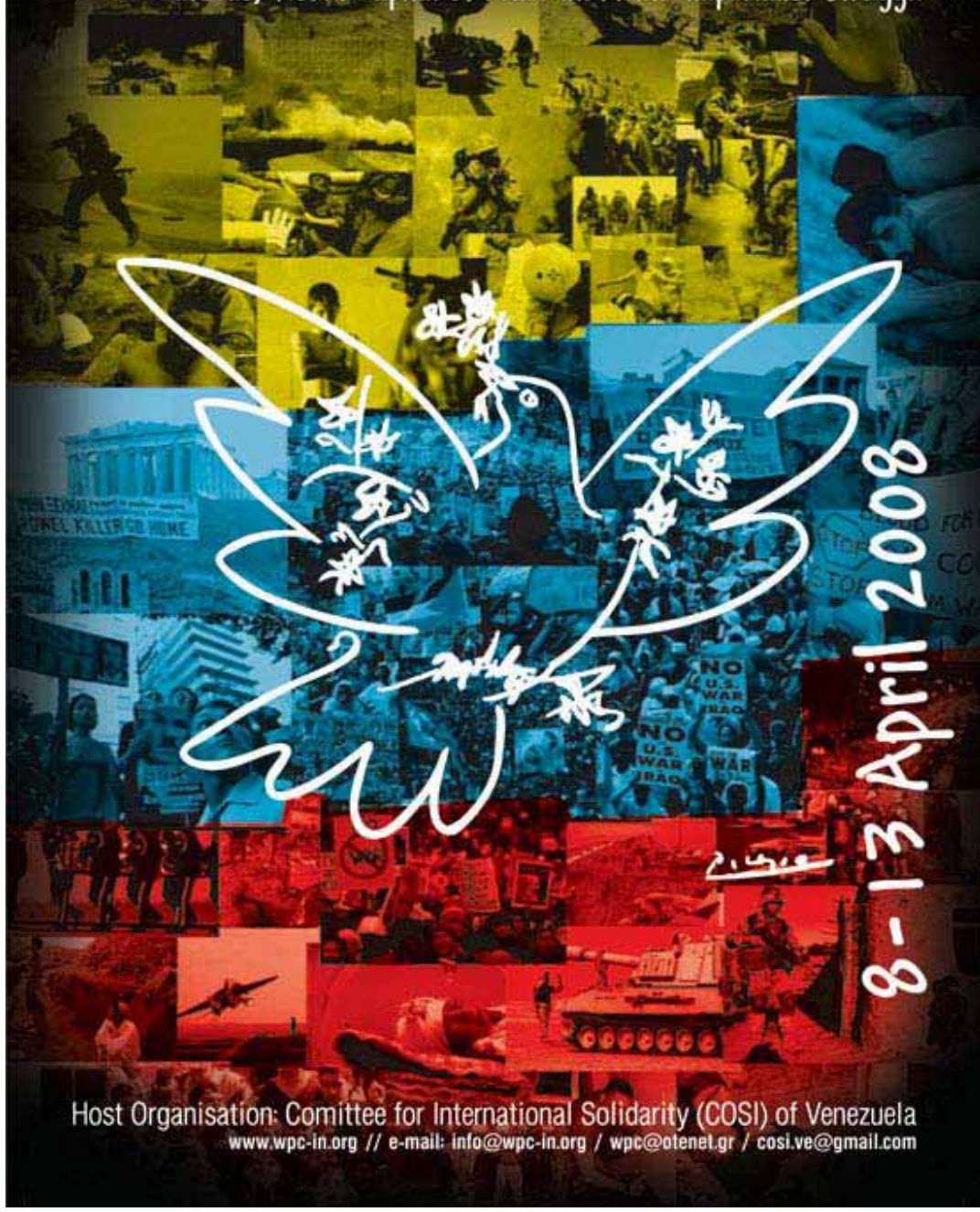
In 1996, during its Congress in Mexico, the WPC was restructured.

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NO TO IMPERIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM**

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