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## #letsstopawar - Keep the EU a peace project!



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The goal of the initiative is suggesting weapons embargo in whole European Union.

And eventually bringing peace back.

The EU is called upon to ban all deliveries of arms from the 27 member states that are made directly or indirectly (e.g. via transit countries) to Russia or Ukraine.

An arms export embargo for these states similar to the one that existed in the **three decades ago** (<https://www.france24.com/en/20200901-us-partially-lifts-three-decade-old-arms-embargo-on-cyprus>)

for mentioned states involved in armed conflict is also necessary!

We also demand that the forced recruitment of soldiers from EU countries be prohibited!

The E.U. is a peace project. Warmongering has no place here!

We urge the institution to reach out its hand and stand up for peace talks like businessman **Naftali Bennett** tried last year ago.

We explicitly do not want the continent to sink back into chaos and perish!

Over the last two decades, the E.U. has repeatedly been known as a peace project.

Freedom of travel was often praised. But: Whatever one's opinion of the European community of values the time of the peace project and the freedom of travel are seriously endangered!

The E.U. is threatening to collapse and slide into war! It makes no big difference whether former EU states or non-EU member states participate in the CEE region with arms supplies or not. However, it must NEVER be tolerated that weapons are being supplied from EU to warring parties no matter what kind.

Although it has always been told that we don't do such things. As an example, the European Union should not be a debt union. Now the European Commission is again acting outside the self-imposed rules and interfering in a conflict of two neighbouring states of the post-Soviet space.

The E.U. introduced a "European Code of Conduct on Arms Exports" in 1998.

In August 2022, Amnesty International (a non-profit organization that promotes human rights) stated that the Ukrainian army was "[...]Using hospitals for military purposes[...]" which "[...]is a clear violation of international humanitarian law[...]"

It should be said that Amnesty International has already pointed out violations of international humanitarian law with regard to the USA, China (e.g. capital punishment) and Russia (war related) where misconduct had been reported as well by Amnesty.

Therefore, this organization can be considered neutral.

To come back to the code of conduct: One of the criteria, that had been defined by the E.U. states was *"2. Criterion Two: Respect for human rights in the country of final destination as well as respect by that country of international humanitarian law."*

How can it therefore be justifiable to supply weapons to this country?

This clearly seems to be a violation of the E.U. Code of Conduct on Arms Exports.

Is violating the own codex clever?

The purpose of this petition is to give citizens in E.U. living all over the world the opportunity to stop the current situation and to remind the Commission that the member states have committed themselves to maintain and maybe even embrace peace!

But there's more to take into account before to decide what is right and what is wrong:

Corruption also is a big problem unluckily in the mentioned states(UA aswell as RU).

E.g. , the NGO "Transparency International" pointed out recently:

Transparency International ranked Ukraine 116th out of 180 countries in terms of corruption, Russia was ranked 137th out of 180 countries countries.

Great Britain, former EU-member state is delivering uranium rounds to UA as part of an aid package.

Armor piercing weapons containing depleted uranium – bombs or grenades are weapons that are still accessible in various countries of the world, despite the questions about the legality of their use in past war /war like conflicts e. g. In former Yugoslavia.

Currently only a hand full of European Union member states are not sending any weapons directly to RU or UA.

I find the news coming in day after day making people like myself more and more anxious really alarming!

We are NOT affiliated to any political organization thus independant human beings that just want peace!

How do you see it? Will you support us to make a difference? Its urgent! Therefore together #letsstopawar .

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