

Nuclear power is not a solution!

It's one more problem

Mediterranean and middle east: nuclear-free zone of peace

Encouraged by the weakening memory of the Chernobyl disaster and invoking climate change and the price of oil, the ruling powers of the planet are pressing for a return to nuclear power. They treat energy as an ordinary product through which they may pursue profit, not as a common good produced from insufficient sources. They are trying to transform the wider area of the Mediterranean into a market for the nuclear industry so as to be able to promote and extend their financial and geopolitical influence. These are the main reasons for their lack of interest on energy conservation and their tendency in ignoring the perspectives of Renewable Energy Sources..

Nuclear power is neither cheap, nor safe, nor "green". It is a constant threat to the environment, life and peace. The risk of the nuclear plans becomes greater in the Mediterranean and the Middle East, as the geopolitical conditions of the area are characterized by instability and great uncertainty.

Taking into consideration:

- The unsolvable problems of nuclear waste management
- The lack of financial and technical capacity and experience
- The link between the so-called peaceful use of nuclear power and the development of nuclear weapons
- The possibility of sabotage or a "blind" strike at nuclear facilities
- The risk of an accident of unpredictable consequences,

We are adamant that through their aspirations to construct nuclear power stations, many governments in our already warm region are playing with fire.

Countries considering the construction of nuclear reactors within their borders, and then proceeding, undertake a huge responsibility, a responsibility shared with those not opposing these decisions.

We dispute the sovereign right of any state to undermine the health, life and future of the citizens of other states.

We demand of our governments that they undertake political initiatives and specific actions in order to reduce tension and avert the threat of nuclear war and environmental disaster. **We demand** that there be NO installation of new nuclear power plants. **We strongly desire** a Mediterranean and Middle East as a Nuclear-Free Zone of Peace.

This is the least we can do for current and future generations.

