

FOR PEACE, AGAINST TERRORISM¹

DECLARATION OF THE VII SOCIAL SUMMIT FOR THE UNION OF LATINAMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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We, the representatives of social movements, academics, parliamentarians, political leaders of youth movements and trade unions, church and municipal councils, participants in the Summit, proclaim for the defense of world peace and warn about the different forms of international terrorism such as narcoterrorism, country invasions, paramilitarism, cyber-terrorism, the new modalities of mercenarism, the criminalization of migrant workers and of indigenous peoples movements, and the peoples cultural pillage.

Urge the Latin American and Caribbean countries to ratify the International Convention against the Use of Mercenaries and to elaborate common legislation to prevent private military and security companies, national or transnational, which in their eagerness for profit, that they usurp inherently State functions such as the monopoly of the legitimate use of force.

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¹ Unofficial translation