



# Peace and Neutrality Alliance Comhaontas Na Síochána is Neodrachta

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### OBJECTIVES

1. It is within the OSCE and a reformed United Nations, and not the EU, that Ireland should pursue its security concerns.
2. Ireland should pursue a positive neutrality and independent foreign policy and not join or form an association with any military alliance, such as the WEU or NATO.
3. Ireland should seek to promote European and international security through a policy of disarmament and should therefore oppose the militarisation of the EU.
4. Ireland should refuse to cooperate with or condone in any way policies or military groupings which maintain nuclear weapons or any weapons of mass destruction.
5. Irish troops should only serve abroad as peacekeepers under the auspices of the UN.

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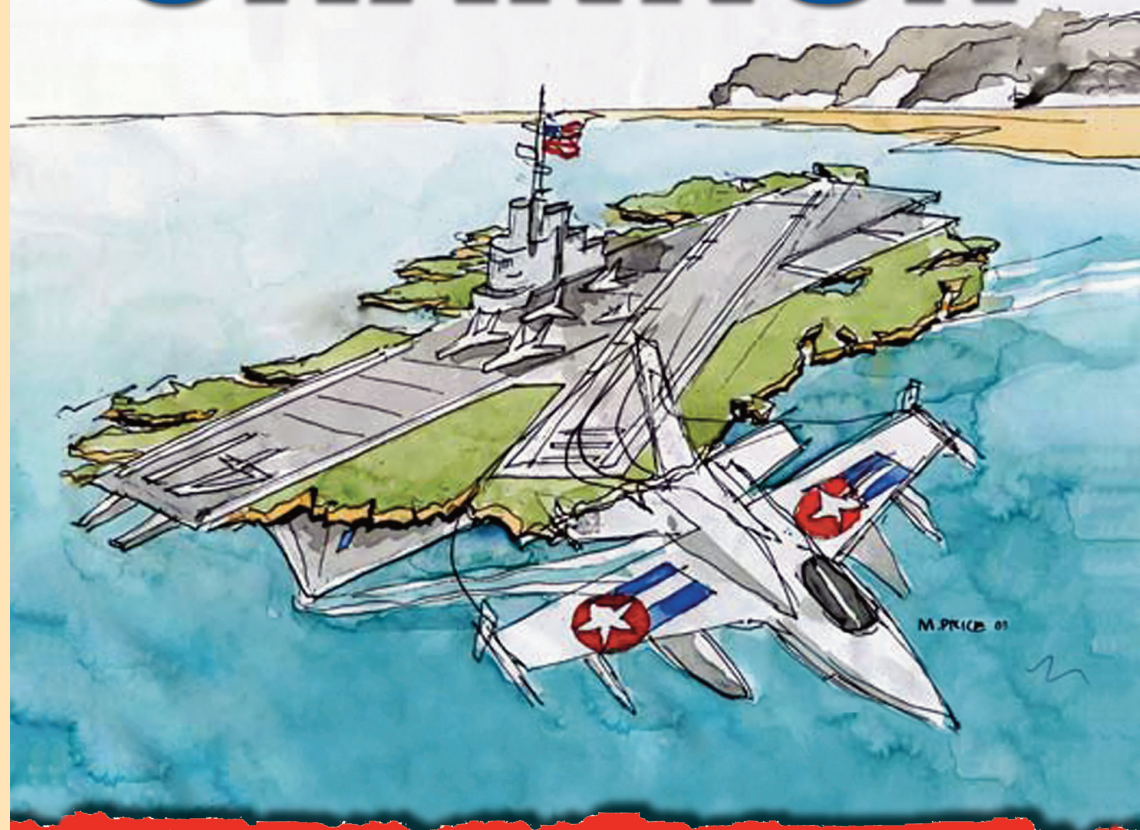
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The Peace & Neutrality Alliance is a broad-based alliance established in 1996 to advocate that Ireland should have its own independent foreign policy, and that neutrality should be its key component, which should be pursued primarily through a reformed United Nations.

We established it because we believed that the Irish political elite intended to destroy Irish independence, democracy and neutrality by integrating Ireland into the US/EU/NATO military structures in order to ensure our full and active participation in the resource wars of the 21st century. This commitment to a neo-liberal militarist ideology will have one absolutely inevitable outcome: the military defeat of the US/EU/NATO axis and the collapse of the economy.

We therefore opposed the Amsterdam, Nice and EU Constitution/Lisbon Treaties which transferred sovereign power away from the Irish people and their national democratic institutions to the European Union, which seeks to transform into a centralised neo-liberal militarised Superstate. We sought to ensure that a Protocol, similar to that already achieved by the Danish people, be added to the treaties that would have excluded Ireland from paying for, or being involved with, the militarisation of the EU.

PANA also opposed the Afghanistan and Iraq wars and Ireland's participation in those wars by the decision of the Irish political elite to destroy Irish neutrality as laid down in international law via the Hague Convention of 1907. We held the first demonstration against the use of Shannon Airport in May 2002.

We have achieved several successes. We were the only broad based alliance which opposed the Amsterdam Treaty - 38% of the people voted no. We played a key role in defeating the first Nice and Lisbon Treaties and took an active role in the Forum on Europe.

While we were defeated in the 2nd Lisbon Treaty there can be little doubt that this was because of the elite who spent millions of euro advocating a yes vote and who destroyed the Forum on Europe which had supported democratic debate. It was also due to a totally biased corporate media.

In the case of Shannon Airport, the number of US troops using it on their way to their imperial wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan has continued - over 430,000 in 2009 alone. Planes that could be carrying prisoners to torture chambers are not searched. The US military has a permanent presence in the Airport and it has cost the Irish taxpayer nearly €10 million over the last few years to protect it.

While it is true that the political elite have so far won, everything we predicted fourteen years ago has proven to be correct. However the vassal states of the US have already withdrawn from the war in Iraq and the defeat and withdrawal of the US is inevitable. In Afghanistan & Pakistan the same process will ultimately follow. The reality is that the American people are becoming impoverished by the wars of the American Empire which it can no longer afford. It is now absolutely clear that this neo-liberal militarist ideology has totally failed.

PANA campaigns for jobs at home and peace abroad by the rejection of this mistaken ideology. PANA needs your support now and membership is open to all individuals and groups that accept our objectives. Please complete the application form and help us build a Social Europe, a Partnership of independent, democratic states, of legal equals without a military dimension.

