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**SATURDAY AUGUST 31, 2013 NOON RALLY AGAINST MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SYRIA AT THE CENOTAPH VICTORIA, BC CANADA**

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**PETITION AGAINST MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SYRIA**

**COGNIZANT THAT** resorting to military intervention, the US and its allies will be in violation of the fundamental purpose of the United Nations – to prevent the scourge of war

**CONCERNED ABOUT** the years of using various guises for justifying Military intervention: "human security" (Iraq 1991), "Humanitarian intervention"(Kosovo, 1999), "Self Defence" (Afghanistan, 2001) "pre-emptive/preventive strike" (Iraq. "Responsibility to Protect" (Haiti, 2004, Libya, 2011) or "will to intervene" (Mali, 2013) "moral imperative" (Syria, 2013????)

**AWARE THAT** in May 2013 The [United Nations](#) independent commission of inquiry on [Syria](#) has not yet seen evidence of government forces having used chemical weapons, which are banned under international law; Yet commission member Carla Del Ponte found evidence that rebel forces have used the nerve agent sarin,

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/05/05>

**AWARE THAT** the US has ratified the UN Chemical Weapons but has not yet completely eliminated chemical weapons, that Israel has signed but not ratified the UN Chemical Weapons Convention, and that Syria will only ratify the chemical weapons Convention if Israel renounces nuclear arms <http://www.nti.org/country-profiles/united-states/>

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**AWARE ALSO THAT** Canada, Israel and US have refused to adopt the Declaration on a nuclear Arms Free Middle East

**NOTING THAT** 188 states have ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention, and that the provisions in the Convention have become international peremptory norms

**DEEPLY CONCERNED** that the US and its allies are attempting to secure support, through Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, for an intervention into Syria, rather than invoking chapter VI - the peaceful resolution of disputes.

**Given** the social, environmental, health, human rights, and economic consequences of war, under no conditions or circumstance is war legal or just.

**THE FOLLOWING SIGNATORIES :**

Oppose military intervention in Syria

and call for

\*Invoking Chapter VI - the peaceful resolution of disputes - of the Charter of the United Nations, and seeking a cease-fire

\*Respecting the International rule of law, including a referral to the International Court of Justice, as per the Chemical Weapons Convention

\*Providing increased humanitarian aid to countries aiding Syrian refugees

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