

The March was initiated by World Without Wars - an international organization launched by the Humanist Movement - that has been working for 15 years in the fields of pacifism and non-violence.

The World March will begin in New Zealand on October 2, 2009, the anniversary of Gandhi's birth, declared the "International Day of Nonviolence" by the United Nations. It will conclude in the Andes Mountains (Punta de Vacas, Aconcagua, Argentina) on January 2, 2010. The March will last 90 days, three long months of travel. It will pass through all climates and seasons, from the hot summer of the tropics and the deserts,



to the winter of Siberia. A permanent base of about fifty people of different nationalities will complete the journey.

One of the most significant European branches of the World March is the one through the Balkans. It will leave from Istanbul and will arrive to Geneva, crossing the South Eastern Europe and then meeting the branch coming from New Zealand.

While crossing the various cities there will be all kinds of forums, conferences and events (sporting, cultural, social, etc.) that will be organized according to the local initiatives that are emerging.

At this time hundreds of projects have already



been set in motion by different individuals and organizations.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

To denounce the dangerous world situation that is leading us closer and closer to nuclear war.

To give a voice to the majority of world citizens who want peace. Although the majority of the human race opposes the arms race, we are not sending out a unified signal. Instead we are letting ourselves be manipulated by a powerful minority and suffering the consequences. The time has come to stand together and to show our opposition.

To achieve: the worldwide eradication of nuclear weapons; the immediate withdrawal of invading troops from occupied

territories; the progressive and proportional reduction of conventional weapons; the signing of non-aggression treaties among nations and the renunciation by governments of war as a way to resolve conflicts.

To expose the many other forms of violence (economic, racial, sexual, religious...) that are currently hidden or disguised by their perpetrators; and to provide a way for all who suffer such violence to be heard.

To create global awareness of the urgent need to condemn all forms of violence and bring about real Peace.

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SOME INTERNATIONAL ENDORSMENTS

NOBEL PRIZES

Jimmy Carter, Dalai Lama, Dario Fo, José Ramos Horta, Rigoberta Menchú, Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, José Saramago, Desmond Tutu

PERSONALITIES

Bryan Adams, Isabel Allende, Daniel Barenboim, Carolyn Carson, Noam Chomsky, Art Garfunkel, Philip Glass, Maximiliano Guerra, Juanes, Zubin Mehta, Viggo Mortensen, Noa, Yoko Ono, Lou Reed, Pete Seeger, Bob Wilson, Paolo Rumiz. Presidente del Chile Michelle Bachelet, Presidente dell'Argentina Cristina Fernandez, opresidente della Bolivia Evo Morales

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Amnesty International, Red Cross, Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space, Global Security Institute, Greenpeace, Madres de Plaza de Mayo, Mayors for peace, Medical Association, Medici Senza Frontiere, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, Pugwash, The Peace Foundation, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

SOME SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE ENDORSMENTS

Stjepan Mesic President of Croatia

Milan Bandic Mayor of Zagreb

Marinko Blazevic Mayor of Umag

Ivan Jakovic President of Istria region

Franco Juri Member of Slovenian parliament

Dinko Tucakovic Film critic and director of the Cinema Museum in Belgrade

Stefan Arsenijevic Belgrade director Golden Bear at the Berlin festival

Jovan Divjak Officer distinguished during the siege of Sarajevo

Italian Embassy Macedonia

Delta Club Skopje

Municipality of Sarajevo

Macedonian Olympic Committee

THE WORLD MARCH IN THE BALKANS

The WM marchers will travel walking and by bus from Turkey to Greece and then, through the Balkans, up to Italy and Switzerland, where the delegation will be officially received.

