

#DropTheF35Deal WEEKEND OF ACTION

January 6-8, 2023

Write. Call. Speak out. March. Disrupt.

Call on the Trudeau Government to
Spend \$19 BILLION on Human Needs,
NOT Warplanes



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Call on the Trudeau government to cancel its procurement of 16 Lockheed Martin F-35 joint strike fighters for \$7 billion. The Canadian Press reported before Christmas that the Treasury Board had given its approval to the Department of National Defence to place the first order of F-35s and that a formal announcement would be made by the federal government early in the new year.

The F-35 purchase is the second most expensive procurement in Canadian history. The price tag for each fighter jet with weapons is \$430 million and it costs \$48,000 per hour to operate. An F-35 emits more greenhouse gases in one flight than a car does in a whole year. Over the next five years, the Trudeau government intends to buy 88 F-35s for a life-cycle cost of \$77 billion. We don't need costly, carbon-intensive fighter jets – we need housing, healthcare, education, Indigenous reconciliation and climate action!

- ✓ Contact your Member of Parliament to say “Drop the F-35 Deal”
- ✓ Contact Prime Minister Trudeau: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca / pm@pm.gc.ca
- ✓ Sign the online letter “Drop the F-35 Deal” to the federal government: <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/canada-drop-the-f-35-fighter-jet-deal>
- ✓ Read the coalition's statement here: <https://nofighterjets.ca/2022/12/30/dropthef35dealstatement/>
- ✓ Share on social media **#DropTheF35Deal #NoFighterJets**
- ✓ Join our campaign #NoFighterJets: <https://nofighterjets.ca/>

STOP THE WAR: Tell the Trudeau government to stop sending weapons to Ukraine and to support a negotiated political resolution to the conflict.

In 2014, the US and Canada supported a coup against the democratically-elected Ukrainian government of Viktor Yanukovich. Over the past 8 years, NATO allies including Canada have trained and armed Ukrainian security forces including extreme ultranationalists and neo-Nazi militants who have injured and killed ethnic Russian Ukrainians in eastern Ukraine, the Donbass region. Reports by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights showed in the weeks before Russia's invasion that there were thousands of ceasefire violations by Ukrainian security forces shooting and shelling into the Donbass (see: <https://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports?page=2>). We must be willing to listen to all sides in this war and end it. Canada should call for a ceasefire, stop sending weapons and support a diplomatic resolution.

This NATO-Ukraine-Russia war is going to prevent the international community from meeting the climate targets of the Paris Agreement and from achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

(1) Watch "**The Causes and Consequences of the Ukraine War: A Lecture by John Mearsheimer**" by Dr. John Mearsheimer, International Relations scholar, University of Chicago on YouTube June 2022. In his speech, Mearsheimer argued, "The tragic truth is that if the West had not pursued NATO expansion into Ukraine, it is unlikely there would be a war in Ukraine today and Crimea would still be part of Ukraine. In essence, Washington played the central role in leading Ukraine down the path to destruction. History will judge the United States and its allies with abundant harshness for its remarkably foolish policy in Ukraine."

(2) Watch the documentaries "**Ukraine on Fire**" and "**Revealing Ukraine**" about the conflict by Academy award-winning filmmaker Oliver Stone and Ukrainian filmmaker Igor Lopatonok that are available on YouTube and Vimeo (they tried to take them down three times)

WEBINAR: War in Ukraine: Making Sense of a Senseless Conflict. January 9, 2023 at 2pm ET
Activist and author Medea Benjamin
A Peace News / CND UK event.
Register: <https://bit.ly/3vOhx3m>

TAKE ACTION:

- Contact your Member of Parliament and Prime Minister Trudeau to say "**Stop sending weapons, Stop the war, Stop NATO**": justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca / pm@pm.gc.ca

