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**THE PHILADELPHIA PLATFORM**

We meet in response to a grave political crisis. We see before us a society careening towards disaster. Bush-Cheney and their Republican allies flout the popular will and are determined to wage endless war, expanded beyond Iraq and Afghanistan to Iran and other countries, including with nuclear weapons. At the same time, they are transforming this country into an authoritarian police state. The Democrats, loyal to their own wealthy backers, ignore the Constitutional imperative of impeaching Bush and Cheney, despite crimes and abuses which cry out for impeachment. Now, the Democratic Party has voted to fund an escalated and expanded version of the very Iraq war they had pledged to end. Their excuse is that they did not have the votes. But they only needed to block the Iraq funding bill – something Pelosi could have done by herself as Speaker of the House. This massive betrayal has thrown the peace movement into disarray. Peace activists had taken seriously the Democrats' pledge to end the war, and this approach has proven ineffective. In the background there are rumblings of a financial panic set off by the mortgage crisis, and by the ongoing death agony of the U.S. dollar, which increase the hysteria of the ruling circles. The Republican presidential candidates eagerly debate the use of tactical nuclear weapons against Iran – a sure path to World War III – while Giuliani preens himself as a future dictator, and Mrs. Clinton can hardly conceal her enthusiasm for the coming attacks on Iran and Sudan. But the American people deserve something better than a choice between competing Republican and Democratic warmonger elitist cliques.

In her farewell message, Cindy Sheehan called on the peace movement to organize independently of the bankrupt two-party system. She also supported a new inquiry into 9/11. The peace movement needs a new strategy, and we are here in Philadelphia because we have taken Cindy Sheehan's call seriously. We appeal to leftists, progressives, conservatives, libertarians, independents, and those entering or re-entering politics to transcend the artificial divisions that have diminished their impact. The anti-war, impeachment, anti-globalization, labor, civil rights, veterans, anti-tax, civil liberties, honest election, and 9/11 truth movements – along with civic and progressive religious groups and other issue groups -- have been weakened too long by single issues and narrow focus. It is time for these movements to unite as a national coalition on a common platform for independent action. We call for a united front of all organizations and persons of good will based on the following:

**1. Impeach, remove, and indict Bush-Cheney and their henchmen (Gonzalez, Chertoff, and Rove) as an urgent measure to avoid wider wars, including, for illegal NSA wiretaps, the lies and war crimes of Iraq and Afghanistan, and their nonfeasance, malfeasance, and the misprision of treason around 9/11. Bush may also be subjected to court-martial as Commander in Chief of the armed forces. Break up the vote fraud machines, and impeach Supreme Court justices found to be complicit**

in the 2000 and 2004 stolen elections, such as Scalia. Restore legality starting with the government itself.

**2. End all wars.** All U.S. troops must be brought home at once from Afghanistan and Iraq by any means necessary, including the immediate cutoff of funding. Stop all U.S. acts of war and provocations against Iran, Somalia, Lebanon, and Sudan. No attacks, whether directly or by proxies, on Syria, Pakistan, Venezuela, North Korea. The U.S. must not seek confrontation with China, Russia, or any other nations, under any pretext whatsoever. End the U.S. military posture of “Global Strike” preventive war. Restore the ABM treaty and respect existing disarmament treaties. No U.S. star wars missile bases in Poland and the Czech Republic. No extension of NATO to Ukraine and Georgia. No more color revolutions and CIA people power coups abroad. The future of China and Taiwan should be solved by negotiation. Two state solution for Israel and Palestine according to the Geneva accords of November 2003. Stop U.S. support for terrorism worldwide. Negotiate nuclear weapons disarmament with all nuclear powers, including Israel. All sanctions, embargoes, and economic warfare must be terminated. The U.S. industrial-military complex must be drastically reduced.

**3. No to Bush’s police-state dictatorship.** We demand an immediate end to NSA wiretaps, tampering with the US mail, the Patriot Act, espionage against political dissidents, CIA, FBI, and Pentagon domestic spying, kidnappings, renditions, secret prisons, and the U.S. gulag archipelago from Guantanamo Bay to Abu Ghraib. No person shall be held as an enemy combatant. Restore full habeas corpus, respect the Bill of Rights and the Geneva Convention. Tear down all concentration camps built under U.S. jurisdiction or control anywhere in the world. All precedents, signing statements and executive orders issued under Bush-Cheney must be abrogated, rescinded, and declared null and void – with extreme prejudice.

**4. Government by the people, not by cliques of bankers and financiers.** End the power of the Federal Reserve, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the Bank for International Settlements. No more government under the thumb of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Enterprise Institute, the Bilderberg Group, the Trilateral Commission, and the Bohemian Grove cult. We must stop genocide and establish economic justice in the developing countries, including through monetary reform. Drive the neocons out of public life. The U.S. population must be educated in the use of the general strike as a tool of self-defense against martial law, the suspension of elections, and illegal foreign wars. We intend to maintain a permanent presence in Washington DC through demonstrations, protests, and public agitation.

**5. 9/11 truth.** We reject the demagoguery of fear, terror, and demonization. We condemn the fraud of the global war on terrorism as the basis for U.S. national life. We demand immediate measures to end Cheney’s campaign for a new 9/11 with weapons of mass destruction or a new Gulf of Tonkin incident, as outlined in

Zbigniew Brzezinski's February 1, 2007 warning to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Publish the full 9/11 documentation, and re-open the investigation.

At a minimum, we aim to shape the climate of public opinion. We may become the focal point of a new political regroupment. These questions will be decided in the struggles that lie ahead. We suggest that questions of economic and social policy be deferred for now, and that they become the object of ongoing discussion. We also urge that organizational questions be postponed until a later time. We call on all organizations to join in launching the following urgent actions in support of the policies outlined:

**A. We will nominate and support independent political candidates for public office at all levels of government** in the 2007 and 2008 elections. Because of the problems of ballot access, such candidate may need to enter the primary elections of the Republican, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, or other political parties.

**B. Truth squad interventions** taking advantage of the new media (using camcorders to capture political content which is then posted on the internet) to intervene in the ongoing presidential primary campaigns of the Democrats, Republicans, and others, to focus public attention and political debate on the urgent questions outlined above, rather than on the divisive and artificial wedge issues preferred by the corporate media.

**C. Mass political education**, through internet web sites, conferences, books, dvds, and a sustained to write our own fairness doctrine by using radio, cable access, and call-ins to take back the public air waves from the right-wing extremists and left gatekeepers.

**D. This united front will exist as a process of political discussion, deliberation, mass organizing, and open debate** open to political forces of all types who agree with its platform of ideas. Special attention will be given to campus organizing.

**E. Carefully selected legal actions**, as typified by the civil RICO suit against Bush-Cheney as a continuing criminal enterprise.

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