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LISBON – PORTUGAL 12 TO 22 NOVEMBER 2010



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Therefore, we call for a week of nonviolent action in November, from the 12th to the 21st, demanding a ceasefire in Afghanistan, the urgent withdrawal of all foreign military forces from that beleaguered nation, the dropping of the New Strategic Concept and an effective end to NATO. With actions like vigils, banner drops, conferences, demonstrations and civil disobedience, we hope to raise general awareness to the role NATO has in the world, to their new Strategic Concept and it's underlying vision of the future, and help stop the madness in Afghanistan.

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