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CEC takes ‘peace through development’ message to Modi event

Representatives of the Citizens Electoral Council joined 20,000 people at the 17 November speech by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Sydney.

The CEC attended to share the message that Modi’s visit offers Australia an opportunity to break from its present strategic policies that are leading to war, and collaborate with India and its economic partners, the BRICS, in a program of peace through economic development.

Following is the text of the flyer that the CEC distributed to thousands of people at the event.

Australia must join with Modi and BRICS for peace through economic development

The welcome visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is an opportunity for Australia to break from the strategic policies of London and Washington that are pushing the world to war, and to join with India and its BRICS partners in their game-changing commitment to economic development.

Behind the excitement of this visit, and the concurrent visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping, is a deadly serious strategic struggle. Prime Minister Modi’s defining intention to raise the living standards of hundreds of millions of Indian citizens, has impelled him to consolidate India’s involvement in the emerging global partnership called the BRICS—Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. This alliance is based on a shared commitment to real economic development, in the form of visionary, nation-building infrastructure and expanded industrial production, but in a way that actually benefits ordinary people, by lifting millions out of poverty; Modi’s personal commitment to improved sanitation and a toilet for every Indian home is an example of this intention to benefit the people.

To that end, Modi has signed historic deals with China to build high-speed rail systems and nuclear power plants, and with Russia to boost strategic ties. He has also involved India in: the BRICS’ \$100 billion New Development Bank, an alternative to the World Bank; the BRICS’ \$50 billion Contingent Reserve Fund, and alternative to the IMF; and the \$50 billion China-initiated Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

The BRICS shared commitment to economic development is behind their rapid rise in economic power. Their combined productive output is about to overtake that of the formerly dominant trans-Atlantic powers, the US and Europe.

War danger

Tragically for the world, London and Washington and their allies such as Australia are under the control of neo-conservative political and financial interests whose reaction to the economic rise of Asia and the formation



Modi addresses the Sydney Crowd.

of the BRICS is pushing the world towards war.

These same neo-conservatives were the conspirators behind the lies that started the criminal Iraq war.

The Citizens Electoral Council has for three years warned Australians of this danger of war. Other notable Australians, such as former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, have made similar warnings. Essentially, Australia’s strategic allies, the US and the UK/EU, are determined to maintain their economic and military dominance (commonly called hegemony) over the world. This has been the strategic policy since 1992 when notorious former US Vice President, then Secretary of Defense, Dick Cheney declared in a memo that US foreign policy must focus on stopping the rise of any possible military or economic rival. The Bush administration with the encouragement of Tony Blair pursued this strategy, and Barack Obama, with Tony Blair as his foreign policy adviser, has continued it. Australia has also supported it every step of the way, styling ourselves, under John Howard, as the “deputy sheriff” in the Asia-Pacific. Australia is turning into a military outpost for Obama’s “Asia Pivot” of shifting America’s foreign policy focus to Asia, which is aimed not at engaging Asia, but at militarily “containing” China, and any nation that collaborates with China. However, China will not, and should not have to, back down and submit to Anglo-American hegemony, and neither will Russia. This is inflaming tensions that could spiral into a nuclear war in which Australia is a major target.

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Solution: Peace through economic development

The only solution to this danger is for the world to move to a new, just economic order based on nations collaborating on economic development. Practically, this means the nations of the world should welcome the rise of China, India, and their BRICS partners, and accept their offer of economic cooperation around great infrastructure projects. In greetings to the 30th anniversary conference of the Schiller Institute in Germany in October, Malcolm Fraser proposed, "There is an option and that is for the most powerful Western nations to realise that there have been great changes in the world, that the strategic context has altered, that other powers such as the BRICS are emerging and that the West should collaborate with them as partners to establish a more equal and a more just world."

Peace through economic development is the only solution because the cause of the crisis is economic collapse. London and Washington are frantic because, unlike the BRICS economies, the trans-Atlantic economies are dying. For decades City of London and Wall Street banks have engaged in unbridled financial looting through such incomprehensible scams as derivatives speculation, which has smashed much of the once-great productive manufacturing capacity of the US and Europe and drowned their economies in hundreds of trillions of dollars of unpayable derivatives obligations.

Because of this collapse, the financial oligarchy of the City of London and Wall Street, which control Europe and Washington, view the BRICS as a threat to their money-based power over the world economy. Theirs is a system of financial imperialism: they demand indebted nations change their laws to remove all obstacles for multinational banks and corporations to profiteer through deregulation and privatisation. These demands are enforced by the IMF and World Bank—both under the political control of the so-called "Washington consensus", which is a shared governing arrangement between the US and Europe. The governments of the BRICS nations are fiercely sovereign, and as they have grown in economic strength they have become increasingly unwilling to bow to financial diktats; moreover, by establishing alternatives to the IMF and World Bank the BRICS now offer other, smaller nations the chance to also break free of London and Wall Street interests behind the Washington Consensus.

For instance, the BRICS all support Argentina in its fight against the Wall Street "vulture funds" which buy government bonds for cents on the dollar and then get US courts to rule they must be paid in full, bankrupting the issuing government and denying their people essential services but gifting to the vulture funds profits of thousands of per cent. The BRICS are also collaborating with Egypt in its amazing New Suez Canal project which is funded entirely by ordinary Egyptians and is offering a job to every Egyptian under the age of 45.

Australia's choice

It is clearly in Australia's independent national interest to join in with the BRICS agenda for economic development. China is already our biggest trading partner, and India is also one of the biggest. Australia is an empty continent in desperate need of economic development, with which it could easily become a food bowl for our Asian neighbours, connected by high-speed shipping to all of the major Asian ports. However, this will require a break with our strategic dependence on the US and UK, which is stopping our collaboration. For instance, in October Obama directly pressured Prime Minister Tony Abbott to not join with China and India in the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, and Abbott complied.

The Citizens Electoral Council is an independent political party which is dedicated to the ideal of peace through economic development. The CEC is leading the fight to get Australia to break from its subservience to London and Washington, and assert itself as a sovereign nation committed to economic cooperation with its neighbours.

As part of its campaign to inform the people of Australia of the economic opportunities that the BRICS alliance offers to Australia and the world, the CEC has just published an exciting pamphlet entitled: *Do You Want to Defeat Terrorism? Establish a New, Just World Economic Order*. We urge you the reader to join the CEC's campaign. Fill in the coupon to order a free copy, or call or email the CEC using the contact details provided.

What you can do:

- * Join the CEC as a member.
- * Distribute the CEC's *New Citizen* newspaper to your co-workers, friends and family.
- * Show the CEC's literature to your member of parliament.



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The U.S. and Europe Must Have the Courage to Reject Geopolitics and Collaborate with the BRICS

The following statement, released under the auspices of the Schiller Institute, is being circulated internationally for endorsement by prominent figures.

In today's nuclear age, the consequence of a geopolitical policy of confrontation with Russia and China can only be the thermonuclear extinction of the human race. Therefore, every effort must be made to cooperate to solve the multiple crises facing humanity.

The BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) have united to pursue a policy of economic development not just for their individual countries, but for the benefit of the people of all nations. To that end, they have created a New Development Bank to invest billions in necessary development projects.

China recently initiated the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), joined by over 20 Asian nations as founding members, and has set up a Silk Road Development Fund.

At the APEC conference in Beijing, Chinese President Xi Jinping invited President Obama to join the efforts of China and other Asian nations, including Russia, in the development of the New Silk Road.

These initiatives are not geopolitical in nature. Contrary to the Transpacific Partnership (TPP) advocated by Obama, which excludes Russia and China, the BRICS-related initiatives including the Chinese proposed Free Trade Area of the Asian Pacific (FTAAP), are inclusive. They are based on the concept expressed by the late Pope Paul VI that the "new name of peace is development." Thus, in Australia at the recent G-20 meeting, both Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Modi spoke of the twin goals of achieving global peace and ending poverty through economic development.

There is no problem in the world that cannot be solved by such an approach, and conversely, no problem that will be solved without it.

Such cooperation between the U.S., Russia, China and India, among other nations, is necessary to defeat the Ebola pandemic in Africa.

The terrorist threat represented by ISIS and Al-Qaeda is aimed equally at Russia, China, and India, as well as the U.S. and Europe. It can only be defeated through a new security architecture based on cooperation.

The policy of conducting "colour revolutions" under the pretext of democracy, represents a policy of war, even if that term is not used, because its aim is to topple governments with the aid of foreign money. It has to stop. The campaign to impose sanctions on Russia for its opposition to such "colour revolutions" and to a Nazi coup in Ukraine, is only exacerbating the global crisis. An approach based on mutual cooperation to achieve the common ends of mankind throughout Eurasia and beyond, would instead create the basis for global peace.

While the U.S. has abandoned the Kennedy space program, the Chinese are committed to a lunar program focused on the exploitation of helium-3 for the purpose of generating unlimited fusion energy. With collaboration between the U.S., Europe, Russia, China and India, among other nations, man could finally realise Johannes Kepler's vision of mastery of the laws of the solar system for the benefit of man.

Only such an approach would restore the United States and Europe to their original purpose as expressed in the European Renaissance and the American Revolution, a purpose which the U.S. and Europe have increasingly abandoned, and the rest of the world has now adopted and is now urging them to readopt.

We therefore call upon the U.S. and Europe to abandon the suicidal geopolitical policies of the past which led to the two previous World Wars and are leading to a third, and to build a future for all humanity by readopting the principle of the Treaty of Westphalia, by basing foreign policy on the principle of the "benefit of the other," which ended the Thirty Years War in Europe, and on John Quincy Adams' concept of a "community of principle among sovereign nation states."

That is the only course coherent with the true nature of man as the only creative species. Any other course is based on a concept of man as an animal, and leads to human extinction.

As patriots of our own nations, and as citizens of the world, we call on our fellow citizens and the leaders of our nations to have the courage to break the current cycle of escalating bestiality, by accepting the generous offer to collaborate with the BRICS.

EIR report on Egypt covered widely

Nov. 22 (EIRNS)—The last part of the four-part *EIR* series on Egypt, "Integrating the Nile Basin With Modern Transport and the Nile Basin Development," by Hussein Askary and Dean Andromidas (*EIR* 21 Nov. 2014), has been posted or linked to on at least five websites, literally within hours of its appearing on larouchepub.com. This not only reflects the general interest in the role of Egypt and the BRICS, but also the total lack of coverage in the Western media.

Here are the known sites and their associations:

<http://www.nile-ethiopianism.com/2014/11/integrating-nile-basin-with-modern.html>;

<http://www.eppf.net/> — Ethiopian People's Patriotic Front;

<http://www.djibnet.com/en/Djibouti-net>;

<http://www.eagc.org/index.php/contacts> — East African Grains Council;

<http://www.watchinga.com/pages/dire-dawa-124076.html?stream=news>—Ethiopia: Dire Dawa News;

<http://maritimesecurity.asia/free-2/sea-lines-of-communication/integrating-the-nile-basin-with-modern-transport-executive-intelligence-review-eir/>—Maritime Security Asia

Stay tuned to this *Almanac* which will be running the article shortly.

PETITION

Australia must act independently in its national interest and join the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of the Citizens Electoral Council draws to the attention of the House intended to promote collaboration on economic development among sovereign the opportunity, which the Australian government is squandering, to participate in nations. a grand vision for infrastructure development in the Asia-Pacific region, through our national foreign policy is not independent, but is subservient to the militaristic, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

China, Australia's largest and most important trading partner, initiated the AIIB neo-conservative outlook of the City of London and Wall Street interests who to direct \$50-100 billion per year into building the productive infrastructure of the control our strategic allies, the United States and United Kingdom, to whom the rise Silk Road Economic Belt and Maritime Silk Road. This infrastructure will boost of China and the BRICS is viewed as a threat to Anglo-American world hegemony. physical trade between nations and benefit the entire world. Twenty other Asian We the undersigned therefore petition the House to assert Australia's national nations, including emerging superpower India, have joined the new institution. independence, and ensure that Australia does join the AIIB, so that our nation The AIIB is one of a number of new multilateral financial institutions associated collaborates with our regional neighbours on economic development that will with the BRICS alliance—Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa—which are benefit all of our nations and give to our future generations economic prosperity.

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