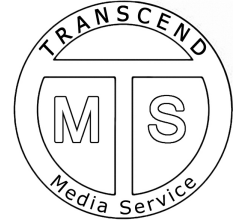


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[Note from the TMS Editor: Prof. Johan Galtung presented these recommendations in various places in Norway this past weekend.]

□ Japanese Constitution Article 9 or something similar for all states: ‘\_ forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as a means of settling international disputes’.

□ Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 28 criminalizing war: ‘a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this declaration can be fully realized’

□ UD Article 3 “Everybody has the right to life, freedom and security of person” should also apply to cross-border aggression of any kind.

□ Local authorities, regions, NGOs, IGOs and TNCs with the capability and intention to do so should also receive and implement human rights.

□ Self-defense against aggression insulting human rights is a human right, subject to jus ad bellum-jus in bello-human rights, not war.

□ Make possession of any WMD by any state or organization a crime.

□ List publicly state terrorist state; by UN, NAM or a prestigious NGO.

□ Remove the US exception to ICC but not retroactively; speed up Palestinian membership.

□ Trial for war crimes must include compensation to victims and nature.

□ Rewards for peace should be added to punishment for war, listing not only war criminals but also peace champions at all levels in the world.

□ Publish names of killers in wars, for individual responsibility.

□ Publish names of victims in wars, for collective solidarity.

□ Make war propaganda a crime like racism, sexism, hate speech.

□ Make alliance, NGO, IGO, TNC equality and representativity of genders, nations and states a condition for lawful global operation, like for consultative status with the UN and Agencies.

□ Make a public YES to acceptance of membership another condition.

□ Make violence for political ends other than self-defense a crime; this applies also to guerrillas and terrorism.

□ Make omission of action that could make a difference preventing war, like withdrawing war support publicly or whistle blowing, a crime.

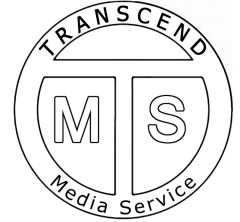
□ Universalize jurisdiction by making crimes against peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity justiciable in all states.

□ Avoid violent punishment for war: two violences do not add to peace; use instead 3C: public confession-contrition-compensation to victims and soft punishment of shame and guilt, possibly social ostracism.

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□Criminalization is ambiguous and may also harden and prolong wars; should go together with the positive approaches to the right to peace, of removing war causes, and removing war as a socially evil institution.

What do you think?

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