

# Women in Black Against War (Madrid)

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Women in Black Against War believe that a policy based on promoting the idea that war is a valid solution to conflict is immoral.

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Support peace groups in Russia and Ukraine that are trying to denounce the situation, pointing out hate speech and proclaiming their position in favor of a peaceful solution to the conflict.

Denounce the action of the European Union, which is more concerned with supplying cheap gas to the countries of Western Europe than with guaranteeing the security of the civilian population of Ukraine.

Demand that our government abandon NATO and all types of international military organization and, consequently, obstruct the NATO Summit to be held in Madrid on 29 and 30 June 2022.

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