

**WFDY statement:**  
**The recent developments in the Caucasus**

The World Federation of Democratic Youth watches with attention the recent developments in the Caucasus region, expressing its solidarity with all the victims, particular the youth—dead, wounded, and refugees—of the war between Georgia and Russia.

WFDY severely condemns both the attack of Georgia on Russia and the Russian invasion of Georgian territory, in a war where both sides are merely struggling for imperialist interests and none is indeed defending the people and the youth and their interests, showing that there is no good side when it comes to inter-imperialist conflicts, such as this one.

The South Ossetian and Abkhazian issues, now raised so strongly, are indeed a similar situation to the Serbian province Kosovo. However, the United States, EU members and NATO are now in the opposite position, as they consider Georgia an ally in their strategy of promoting militarisation and the military surrounding of Russia and China.

This means that, unlike what happened with former Yugoslavia and later with Serbia, the dismantling of Georgia would not serve the interests of the United States, the European Union and NATO, and so the “territorial integrity” of a country is now a major issue, when before it meant nothing.

WFDY expresses its deep concern at the growing tension on the international field as a product of the expansion of NATO, the increasing militarisation and the conflict in the Caucasus, alongside the expansion of the US anti-missile shield (just recently accepted by Poland and the Czech Republic), and the nuclear pact celebrated between India and the United States.

In this framework, WFDY calls upon all its member and friendly organisations, as well as all the anti-imperialist youth of the world, to increase their efforts to reinforce their struggle against imperialism in all its expressions, as it is every day more clear that only with a world free of imperialism will there be lasting peace, friendship between the peoples, and social development and justice.