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### **Where is the democracy? Who decides?**

The great majority of Quebecers have been opposed to the war in Afghanistan from its very onset in 2001. We are opposed to the war very simply because we know that war is always dreadful, murderous and destructive, and we do not believe the noble motives put forward to justify the war. Last March 13, despite the opposition of the majority of Canadians, the Liberal Party and the Conservative Party agreed that the Parliament of Canada extend Canada's military intervention in Afghanistan through to July 2011!

In the face of such an anti-democratic decision, we clearly reject the argument that we cannot withdraw Canadian troops before 2011 because "we have a commitment towards NATO". Canadian MPs are accountable to their constituents, not to NATO generals. Moreover we refuse the prospect of three more years of war that will result in several thousand more Afghan civilian deaths and the sacrifice of dozens of young Canadian soldiers for hidden economic and strategic interests. We know the commitment to withdraw in 2011 will gradually turn into pressure for yet another extension once the elections are over, and the United States and the United Kingdom — who have announced their intention to send thousands more soldiers to Afghanistan — will start demanding "that the allies do their share".

### **Let's make the withdrawal of troops into an election issue**

The *Collectif Échec à la guerre* invites Quebec citizens to be on the heels of all candidates during the election campaign asking them to commit to our demand to withdraw Canadian troops from Afghanistan now. We must also ask that candidates commit to oppose the soaring rise in military expenses announced by the Conservatives: 490 billion dollars over the next 20 years, while public funding for social programs for health, education and culture is constantly shrinking!

### **After the elections, let's demonstrate!**

This coming October 18, as the war in Afghanistan will be entering its 8th year, let's join in the actions that are being organized across Canada to demand that the new government respect the will of the majority and put an end to the Canadian military intervention in Afghanistan now.

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