## **The EU Military Committee**

## Meets in Dublin Castle on 29th and 30th April

The Peoples Movement will hold a protest.

## Assemble opposite the Olympia Theatre on <u>Tuesday</u> the 30<sup>th</sup> April at 1:00 for an hour.

The European Union Military Committee (EUMC) is a department of military officials which gives military advice to the Political and Security Committee (PSC) of the European Union's Common Foreign and Security Policy. It also oversees the European Union Military Staff.

EUMC is composed of the Chiefs of Defence of the EU Member States who are represented on a regular basis by their permanent military representatives in Brussels, who often are two- or three-star flag officers. A similar Military Committee also exists within NATO, and those countries which are members of both EU and NATO have in most cases chosen to use the same person as permanent military representative to both organisations.

The EUMC is chaired by a General Officer or Admiral, of four-star level (NATO OF 9 equivalent) who is selected by Chiefs of Defence and appointed by the Council of the European Union who participates in PSC meetings as appropriate. He represents the primary Point of Contact with the Operation Commanders of the EU's military operations and he attends Council meetings with defence and security implications.

The current chairman is general Patrick de Rousiers. Ireland currently has 24 staff allocated to the EUMC with Bobby Mc Donagh as Permanent representative and Brigadier General Liam Mac Namee, as Military Representative to the European Union Military Committee.

EU warmongers go home!