From:- Angie Zelter, XR Peace,
To:- Alex Cresswell, CEO and Chairman, Thales UK

12th November 2021

Dear Mr Cresswell,

Thank you for replying so promptly to the joint letter sent to you on 21st October 2021. It was good to hear that Thales Glasgow's technologies are increasingly being used to facilitate the UK's green revolution possibly enabling windfarms to be maintained more efficiently and that Thales is stepping up their commitment to a low-carbon future. We concur that science and research needs to be a major part of approaches to combat climate change. However, your reply indicates that you are failing to meet our most basic demands which is not at all encouraging for our planet.

It is clear that you are merely emphasising the civilian side of your business even though your company figures show your military sales worldwide are roughly 50% of your total sales. Significantly you have made no commitment to reduce your military sales. We urged you to work out how your corporation can change into one that reduces international tensions, avoids war as a method of resolving conflict, dramatically reduces arms sales and all military spending, and redirects its resources to address the threat of the climate catastrophe that now faces us all. You did not respond to this request. **Would you please explain how you will change for the better?** We are convinced that you have the skills and resources to contribute positively and peacefully to a more equitable and sustainable world.

We are aware that Thales is on trial in South Africa in relation to corrupting former President and fellow accused, Jacob Zuma. Zuma's financial advisor was found guilty of facilitating this corruption many years ago and was sentenced to 15 years in jail although Zuma had him released as soon as he became President. It seems that Thales is involved in systemic corruption internationally in conjunction with its arms deals and that this continues unabated. **Will you commit to cleaning up your act and avoid all corrupt practices to further your arms sales?**

You mention in your reply your 'net zero' carbon is now targeted for 2040. This net zero target cannot be seen as credible and is probably using 'carbon offsets' to try to reach it. We asked in our letter of 21st October that you institute transparent reporting requirements, independent verification, and not to rely on schemes to "offset" emissions. However, you have not signed up to the 'Science-based targets initiative' (an independent international verification initiative by businesses – see - https://sciencebasedtargets.org/companies-taking-action?sector=Aerospace%20and%20Defense#table). **Will you therefore now sign up to this independent verification initiative?**

Signed by

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Andrew Feinstein, Shadow World Investigations, **Janet Fenton** for Secure Scotland,
Ginnie Herbert for Greenham Women For Life on Earth, **Kate Hudson** for CND, **Lynn Jamieson** for Scottish CND,
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