

Invitation to a panel discussion “On the road to Global Zero”

at the EKD office, 166, rue Joseph II, B-1000 Brussels

on 1 June 2010 from 12.00 - 14.30pm

in connection with the presentation of the 2010 German Peace Report

The discussion will focus on the current nuclear disarmament negotiations with the ultimate aim of “Global Zero” as proclaimed by US president Barack Obama, a topic which has been repeatedly addressed by the Peace Report. The number of prominent advocates of Global Zero is increasing to the same degree as the risk of terrorists using nuclear weapons or dirty bombs is growing. The new START-agreement has brought an end to the destructive policies of the Bush administration with regard to nonproliferation and arms control; in addition, it recognizes Russia’s role in this field. However, while this is a lot after the preceding paralyzing deadlock, quite a few problems remain unresolved, including the nuclear dispute with Iran.

The German Peace Report is being published by the five leading research institutions in the field of peace and conflict studies¹ in Germany.

The Brussels Office of the Protestant Church in Germany (EKD) and the Protestant Institute for Interdisciplinary Research (FEST) in Heidelberg, an EKD think tank and co-publisher of the report, invite you to discuss the role the EU can play in the process of nuclear disarmament and the challenges for European foreign action and civil society participation that come along with it.

Panel

Introduction

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¹ INEF - Institute for Development and Peace, Duisburg / FEST - Protestant Institute for Interdisciplinary Research, Heidelberg / IFSH - Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, Hamburg / HSFK - Peace Research Institute, Frankfurt/M / BICC - Bonn International Centre for Conversion

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We are looking forward to seeing you.

With kind regards,

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