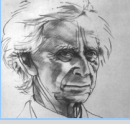


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SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2019

11:00 A.M - 17:00 P.M.

International Meeting:
*Nuclear Security in Europe
after Collapse of the INF Treaty*

DE MARKTEN, OUDE GRAANMARKT 5,
1000 BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

INTRODUCTION & CONTEXT

Tensions grow among states possessing nuclear weapons while collapse of the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty brings Europe closer to another dangerous Cold War. In these alarming circumstances, arguments for a nuclear-weapons-free zone become more pressing. Meanwhile, the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) gains traction and opens new avenues for urgently needed common campaigns and actions.

To date, the Treaty has 70 signatories and 23 ratifications by state parties. Once it has reached 50 ratifications the Treaty will enter into force. At that point, the nuclear weapon states will have to compromise in one way or the other with people's claim for a world free of nuclear weapons. Therefore, we suggest brainstorming and discussion about Europe after the collapse of the INF in the framework of promoting the nuclear ban treaty and the creation of a nuclear-weapons-free zone in Europe. So far our arguments to ban nuclear weapons focused on their catastrophic humanitarian effects. Thus, we partly succeeded in delegitimising the nuclear deterrence arguments of the nuclear weapons states.

Signed in 1987 by the United States and the Soviet Union, the INF Treaty bans a complete class of nuclear weapons -- land-based cruise and ballistic missiles with ranges of 500 to 5,500km. The Treaty signalled a victory on the part of millions of Europeans who, during the 1980s, demonstrated against the "Euromissiles". As the United States and Russia again spend enormous sums on modernizing their nuclear arsenals, tensions between both countries are widely recognized as being at their worst since the end of the Cold War.

How do we now stop this nuclear arms race? How best to promote and implement the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons? What alternatives are there for peace and common/human security in Europe? How can we achieve European Nuclear Disarmament?

• Peace groups • International peace networks • Social and environmental movements • Churches • Trade unions • Everyone who wants to make the planet safer

All are welcome to discuss this challenging situation and the way forward to a nuclear-weapons-free Europe.

EVENT PROGRAM

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM

WELCOME

Pieter Teierlinck (*Belgian coalition against nuclear weapons*)

Reiner Braun (*International Peace Bureau*)

11:15 AM – 11:35 AM

OVERVIEW

Where do we stand? "Peace is in danger, nuclear war is possible."

Ludo de Brabander

11:35 AM – 14:00 PM

INPUT COMMENTARIES

Jeroen Beirnaert (*ITUC*)

Tom Unterrainer (*Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation*)

Arielle Denis (*IPB & ICAN*)

Angelika Claussen (*IPPNW*)

12:00 PM – 13:30 PM

DISCUSSION

13:30 PM – 14:30 PM

LUNCH BREAK

14:30 PM – 15:00 PM

WHAT TO DO?

Actions and campaigns on the European/International level

Dave Webb (*Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, GB*)

Dominique Lalaine (*ICAN, France*)

Marion Küppers (*Atomwaffen Abschaffen, Germany*)

15:00 PM – 16:00 PM

DISCUSSION

16:00 PM – 17:00 PM

CONCLUSION AND AGREEMENTS

Moderation by Tom Unterrainer & Reiner Braun

*If you are interested in attending, please send a note to info@ipb-office.berlin
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