

Annual Foreign Policy Conference 2009

## **A World without Nuclear Weapons or Nuclear Anarchy?**

The Future of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime

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### **Background**

The agreement between U.S. President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev to negotiate further nuclear disarmament has brought the issue back to the forefront in international politics. One of the reasons is the upcoming review of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) in early 2010. A failure, as happened in 2005, would have far-reaching consequences for the future of the international disarmament and arms control regime.

The clock is ticking. Efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons are running out of time. A nuclear race could break out across the Middle East. The six-party talks with North Korea ended in failure. The tensions threaten to escalate, putting the regional stability of East Asia at risk. If Pakistan were to fall into the hands of the Taliban, so too would the country's nuclear arsenal. The risk of nuclear anarchy is no longer a distant horror scenario; it has entered the realms of the possible.

Increasing numbers of industrialized and emerging countries plan the civilian use of nuclear energy as a response to climate change. However, this can endanger the nuclear order. How can the international community secure radioactive material worldwide? Can the peaceful and military use of nuclear power be separated in practice after all?

### **"Global Zero"**

At the same time, the initiative of Obama and Medvedev brings hope. Both presidents want to complete a subsequent agreement for the expiring START treaty by the end of 2009. President Obama has committed to the vision of a world free of nuclear weapons. On his initiative an international disarmament conference will take place in Washington in March 2010. Germany wants to be a leader in the "Global Zero" initiative.

Within the context of these developments, the Heinrich Böll Foundation holds its tenth Annual Foreign Policy Conference. Renowned speakers from international politics, academia and civil society are joining us to discuss the dangers posed by nuclear weapons in a plural world order of the 21st century:

- How can the nuclear threat be reduced worldwide?
- How can the nuclear non-proliferation regime be strengthened to prevent a global nuclear anarchy?
- How can we prevent non-state actors, such as terrorists, from gaining access to nuclear weapon material?

**Day 1, Thursday, September 10, 2009**

**5:00 p.m. Registration**

**5:30 p.m. Opening Remarks**

**Ralf Fücks**, President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

**5:45 p.m. Keynote Speech**

**Deterrence or Disarmament? - „Global Zero“ and the Diminution of the Role of Nuclear Weapons in 21st Century Security**

**Oliver Meier**, International Representative and Correspondent, Arms Control Association, Berlin; Researcher, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg

**6:15 p.m. Strategic Discussion**

**Why now? – From Renewed Arms Reduction to a Nuclear Free World**

**Claus Wunderlich**, Deputy Commissioner for Disarmament and Arms Control, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

**Henry Sokolski**, Executive Director, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center (NPEC), Washington DC

**Vladimir Orlov**, President, The Russian Center for Policy Studies (PIR), Moscow

**Chair: Ralf Fücks**, President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

**7:45 p.m. Reception**

**Day 2, Friday, September 11, 2009**

**9:00 a.m. Registration**

**9:30 a.m. Welcome**

**Marc Berthold**, Head of Department, Foreign and Security Policy, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

**9:35 a.m. Panel 1**

**Saving the Non-Proliferation Regime – Strategic Proposals for the Review Conference 2010**

**Oliver Thränert**, Research Division International Security, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

**Martin Briens**, Head of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Division, French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Paris

**Fiona Simpson**, Associate Director, Center on International Cooperation, New York University

**Nobumasa Akiyama**, Associate Professor, Hitotsubashi University; Research Fellow, Japan Institute of International Affairs, Tokyo

**Chair: Sylke Tempel**, Editor in chief, Internationale Politik, Berlin

**11:00 a.m. Coffee break**

**11:30 a.m. Panel 2**

**Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Weapons: An Unavoidable Mesalliance?**

**Rebecca Harms**, Member of European Parliament, Chairwoman of the Parliamentary Group The Greens/ EFA, Brussels

**Henry Sokolski**, Executive Director, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center (NPEC), Washington DC

**Clovis Brigagao**, Director, Centre of the Americas Studies, Candido Mendes University, Rio de Janeiro

**Chair: Barbara Unmüßig**, President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

**1:00 p.m. Lunch break**

**2:00 p.m. Parallel Fora**

**Forum 1**

**Preventing a Nuclear Arms Race in the Middle East**

**Emily Landau**, Senior Research Fellow and Director, Arms Control and Regional Security Program, Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv

**Arzu Celalifer Ekinci**, Middle East and Iranian Affairs Expert, International Strategic Research Organization (USAK), Ankara

**Chair: Andrea Nüsse**, Tagesspiegel, Berlin

**Forum 2**

**Arms Control and Non-Proliferation in South and East Asia**

**Pervez Hoodbhoy**, Chairman, Department of Physics, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

**Arundhati Ghose**, India's former Ambassador to the United Nations, New Delhi

**Christian Wagner**, Head of Research Division, Research Division Asia, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin

**Chair:** **Marc Berthold**, Head of Department, Foreign and Security Policy, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

**3:30 p.m. Coffee break**

**4:00 p.m. Closing Panel**

**Getting to Global Zero? - The Future of the Non-Proliferation Regime beyond 2010**

**Jürgen Trittin**, Deputy Parliamentary Chairman, Alliance 90/ The Greens, Berlin

**John Steinbruner**, Director, Center for International and Security Studies, University of Maryland (CISSM)

**Arundhati Ghose**, India's former Ambassador to the United Nations, New Delhi

**Chair:** **Ralf Fücks**, President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

**5:30 p.m. End of Conference**