

On the road for global zero

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When the Review Conference is over, civil society will continue its efforts to reach the goal of a nuclear weapons free world. If the Review Conference will not pave the path to negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention, the demand of civil society will continue and get stronger.

German members of Abolition 2000 are preparing for an extraordinary tour of disarmament dialogue. After returning from New York, Wolfgang Schlupp-Hauck and his wife Brigitte Schlupp-Wick will start on a six month bicycle tandem tour. It will lead them over 7.000 km from Mutlangen, a former deployment site of Pershing II missiles, to Stuttgart, Vienna, Budapest, Istanbul, and Teheran, all the way meeting with Mayors for Peace. They write about their journey:

We are committed to peace work. Nuclear missiles were on our doorstep. We protested and they were disarmed.

We campaign for a ban of nuclear weapons and a world free of nuclear weapons and that conflicts be resolved non-violently.

After the NPT Review Conference we will start to discuss the outcome with civil society in cooperation with Mayors for Peace and with members of parliament in cooperation with PNND. We will be on the road with our bicycle tandem, without emissions, from 15 July 2010 until January 2011.

You can follow our tour on www.global-zero-now.de

Other groups are active as well. The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons is coordinating 5 June as Nuclear Abolition Day. All over the world, people will demand action, not only words: www.nuclearabolition.org

Mayors for Peace is planning in Hiroshima a conference in which UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will participate. •

