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OPEN LETTER: U.S. Ukraine-Policies and Munich Security Conference 2022

Dear Ms. Vice President, Mr. Secretary of State:

We of the Munich American Peace Committee, a group of voting U.S. citizens living in and around Munich, working together since 1983 for peace and disarmament, hope you will understand and even comment on the following statements:

The United States government and its nuclear-powered forces are pursuing a hazardous course of action to the brink of catastrophe against other powerful countries such as Russia and China. Today, the direction of this „brinkmanship“ has hopefully peaked out in the Russian intention to withdraw some of its forces near the borders with Ukraine back to the original bases further to the East, still in Russia. This retreat could be a positive compromise, perhaps in answer to President Biden's statement on MSNBC, that a war between Russia and the United States would rapidly develop into an horribly destructive world war, and thus be an unacceptable alternative to a peaceful reconciliation of differences. Ukrainian President. Zelenskyy, as well as Russia, ascribe to diplomacy, but, if endangered, would defend themselves.

The United States, not actually threatened by an enemy, has the opportunity to become „great“, through development of its positive capabilities in local, regional, national and international partnership in all aspects of our world society! Our country does not need to set the rules for a new international order, especially not at the expense of so many other countries! The imperative is cooperation: honesty, respect, interchange of opinions, development of affirmative contacts with other cultures and peoples. Just the threat of annihilation is unacceptable! Only through new policies in environmental conservation and protection; in a minimal, but comfortable and non-destructive standard of living based on genuine needs; in economic systems which reflect the interest and „profit“ of and for all, will we succeed.

Such lofty goals require huge changes in deeply entrenched beliefs and dogmas. We have the means for „Change“, and really have no other choice than to use them.

The Security Conference should be used to accomplish genuine security. Led by the obsolete exploitive, especially the armaments and other well-know military-industrial elements, our world has become increasingly insecure. The proponents of peace, cooperation security, could instead concentrate on „modeling democracy, humane values“ and their realization worldwide. Specifically, today, with your leadership, the Security Conference should encourage the U.S., European, Ukrainian and even Russian efforts to tone down the rhetoric, and pursue actively and peacefully our common productive interests, many of which are expressed in the internationally valid Minsk II Agreement.

With your help, our country and the Security Conference has the possibility to make an important step in stopping the continuation of apocalyptic brinkmanship. Our best defense is Peace!

Further, working together with a large majority of other countries, the USA through President Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris, could immediately stop the U.S. programs of ever-expanding wars, threats, deployment and use of atomic weapons, and thereby withdraw from foreign countries and close its foreign bases.

What a place, here at the Munich Security Conference, to start a policy of peace, dialogue and cooperation!

We hope that your official welcome to Munich means that you and our delegation are visiting us in the interests of peace and disarmament, in the interests of the majority of our compatriots and the people of Germany, your host country. In this case, we welcome you too.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

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