

# Only WE can make this Conference Happen!

This critical Conference can only happen if we as a Movement take responsibility for raising the funds and resources needed. It is increasingly difficult these days to rely on foundations for such work – especially on such controversial issues which confront governments and the status quo thinkers. The Conference therefore needs your active support in the following ways:

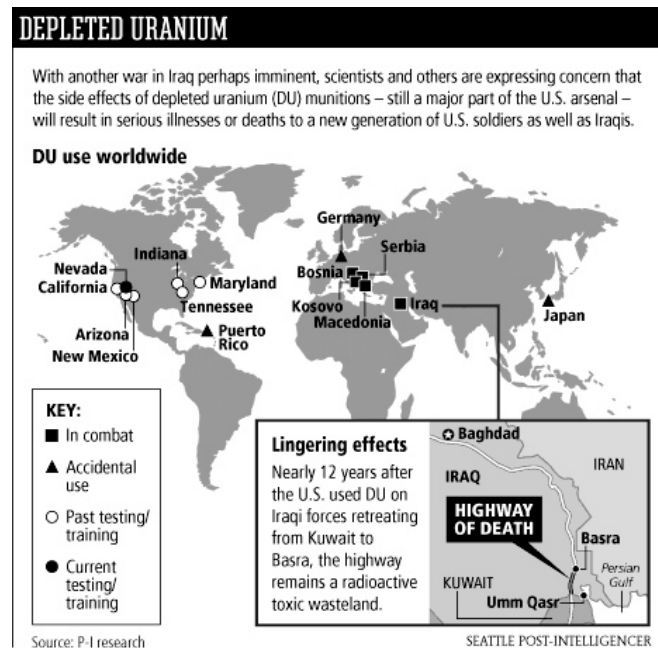
## What you should do...

- **Raise the Funds:** For starts, **everyone** who reads this brochure **should simply send in 1 Euro to day, right now**, whether you come or not. If everyone who claims to be a part of this Movement did this, we would not even need foundation sponsors. Next, hold a fundraising event in your area to send a representative from your group. If money remains after the Conference, it will go to sponsor the independent health and medical studies needed by the Movement.
- **Become a Sponsor:** Send a letter of endorsement for the Conference on your group's letterhead. Publicize the event in your literature and website. Make a financial commitment to help fund the Conference. Commit your group to the future Action Plan that will come out of this Conference.
- **Stay in touch!:** Get on our e-mail list for future notices. Visit our website regularly for updates at:

[www.uraniumweaponsconference.de](http://www.uraniumweaponsconference.de)

## Live Internet Feed!:

Arrangements are being made to make this Conference accessible though live Internet broadcast, and possibly through IndyMedia. Our Sessions will also offer limited live-chat so viewers can send in questions and comments. This gives you a local means of organizing an event for this Conference even if you cannot come. It also is a way to get all Movement supporters to send in their 1 Euro contribution – to keep work like this going! For more information, please see our website.



### The Gewaltfreie Aktion Atomwaffen

**Ab schaffen** (GAAA, Nonviolent Action to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) is a German non-governmental organisation dedicated to the total abolition of nuclear weapons.

## DEPLETED URANIUM URANIUM WEAPONS:

### THE TROJAN HORSES OF NUCLEAR WAR

#### AN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL/ ORGANIZING CONFERENCE

16-19 October, 2003 Hamburg, Germany

### Invited Speakers:

Dr. Souad N. Al-Azzawi, Iraq; Prof. Asaf Durakovic, US; Heike Schroder, Germany; Dr. Chris Busby, GB; Dr. Doug Rokke, US; Prof. Dr. Siegwart-Horst Gunther, Germany; Dr. Rosalie Bertell, Canada; Karen Parker, JD, US; Masako Ito, Japan; Dai Williams, GB; Prof. Al.-Aboudi, Algeria; Dr. Bein, Canada; Rai Bristow, GB; Prof. Katsumo Yagasaki, Okinawa; Prof. Miroslav Kupecin, Serbia; Dr. Manfred Mohr, Germany; Rev. Kiyul Chung, S. Korea; Nilda Diaz, Puerto Rico

For some years activists have faced the problem that the U.S. and British government are producing and upgrading their weapon systems containing uranium. With these also-radioactive weapons the boundaries between conventional and nuclear weapons becomes completely obscured.

Ramsey Clark, former Attorney General of the United States writes:

*"DU weapons are not conventional weapons. They are highly toxic, radioactive weapons. All international law on warfare has attempted to limit violence to combatants and to prevent the use of cruel unfocussed weapons.... Consequently, DU weapons violate international law because of their inherent cruelty and unconfined death dealing effect. They threaten civilian populations now and for generations to come."*

Under pressure from activist groups the military itself was reluctantly forced to admit that huge amounts of uranium weapons (320 t DU) got used for the first time in southern Iraq in 1991, 3 t in Bosnia and 10 t in Serbia and Kosovo. Credible independent researchers believe that 1000 t uranium was used in the bombing in Afghanistan, and at least that same amount is expected in the recent war in Iraq. Leading international independent researchers believe that exposure to DU during the 1991 Gulf War are responsible for the majority of the current, ongoing medical problems reported by over 260,000 returning veterans (one-third of all the troops participating in that war!), a rate with dire implications for future wars and conflicts where these weapons were recently and further intended to be used.

We believe a **World Uranium Weapons Conference** is needed to bring together the scientific experts with their independent studies and the peace, veterans, and anti-nuclear movements to get updated and have the results of their studies and their work combined. The Conference will also include extra time

for the conference members to combine existing information, and to discuss the need for creating, conducting and funding their own additional independent, peer-reviewed, international study on the health hazards caused by the use of uranium weapons worldwide. Specifically, attention must be given to Iraq before the data is lost or corrupted by the occupation. Because many governments have the stated agenda of perpetuating uranium weapons, their conclusions about uranium weapons effects are not reliable or acceptable.



Therefore, the independent international non-governmental movements will have to be responsible for the huge costs of this kind of study, which cannot be done by a single country or organisation. Ideally, such a study should be conducted or co-ordinated by the WHO. But, WHO operations are potentially compromised by its constitutional obligations to the IAEA with its strong obligations to the nuclear lobby. The WHO is not allowed to publish results without the consensus of the IAEA. The results of any study done by WHO on DU or other uranium weapons issues therefore should be highly suspect in its credibility. It therefore becomes the additional responsibility of our movements to constantly review and publicly critique all governmental claims on these issues.

Full-scale independent peer review of existing data, continued independent study, and a unified plan of action will lead to the evidence needed to get uranium weapons officially banned by the international community.

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