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Denk-Mail 15 – Economic Cooperation in Eurasia Instead of Confrontation

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Only if we are comprehensively informed can we as a people and our political representatives decide when and for what it is necessary to “assume responsibility” (in the words of President Gauck). Comprehensive I mean here in the sense of “knowing who has an interest in something being reported in one way or another”. And with responsibility I mean responsibility not in the sense of division and opposition, but rather in the sense of joint action.

If such opposition escalates to military intervention, people suffer and international law is violated. War is not about safeguarding borders and the alleged safety of people, but about safeguarding the status and revenues of global powers. Those who consider themselves business superpowers also profit from the military-industrial interests behind a course of endless confrontation, which generates more profits than anything else – for those who make money from it. *

My alternative to this is:

- An interest in trade and peaceful change and coexistence with our continental neighbors Russia and China.
- Europe should not continue the course of confrontation, but instead promote dialogue and cooperation with Russia in the OSCE seriously.
- Ukraine can be a neutral bridge in a Eurasian continent that grows together.
- Europe should establish cooperation with Russia by means of long-term agreements on raw materials.
- NATO and IMF are not “without alternatives”: the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) and the NDB (New Development Bank) already exist, but we hear hardly anything about them!
- We in Europe can keep our distance from the “transatlantic superpower plans” of the USA, and do not want to support the way of thinking that treats the Ukraine as the “Donez basin that is important for the defense economy”. *

Choose economic cooperation instead of confrontation, as long as there is still time for this. More peace researchers and activists in the MSC would encourage my hopes for a less violent future.

We look forward to reading your feedback about this.

Yours truly,

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*) *Wir sind die Guten* [“We are the Good Guys”], by Mathias Bröckers & Paul Schreyer, Piper Verlag, ISBN 978-3-492-30800-7

See also:

- <https://www.securityconference.de/en/discussion/monthly-mind/single-view/article/monthly-mind-july-2016-the-russia-paradox-how-to-deal-with-an-aggressive-yet-weak-power-1/>
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