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Denk-Mail 16 – Nonviolent Communication in a Side Event at the Munich Security Conference: New perspectives on conflict resolution

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

In view of the global political situation, the 2017 Security Conference is confronted with a broad range of topics: from the Middle East situation, the relationship between the Western countries and Russia, uncertainty about the Trump administration, the Syrian conflict, and life in the post-tactical age.

As the background of the topics is manifold, the handling of these topics often seems to be characterized by fear and uncertainty.

"Fear is a bad guide" is a proverb. There are fears that the chosen political strategies so far might create further uncertainties and we will then have to face and deal with an escalation of fear narrowing perspectives and decisions. How can we get out of this cycle?

In co-operation with DACH e. V. 1), our project group will present a Side Event for conference participants (MSC) offering alternative views on conflicts, based on Nonviolent Communication (NVC) by Marshall Rosenberg 2) which will be demonstrated using a current conflict. We are glad to be able to give another impulse to bring about change.

We also look forward to hearing your opinion.

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1) Further Information about DACH e. V. please see www.gewaltfrei-dach.eu

2) *"... one basic concept in NVC – that everything we do is in service of our needs – has no corollary in mainstream thinking. When this one concept is applied to our view of others, we'll see that we have no real enemies, that what others do to us is the best possible thing they know to do to get their needs met."* (Marshall B. Rosenberg in "Speak Peace in a world of conflict", p. 11)

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