PRESS ADVISORY

WHAT: **DEPLETED URANIUM / URANIUM WEAPONS:** THE TROJAN HORSES OF NUCLEAR WAR -- AN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL/ORGANIZING CONFERENCE

WHEN: October 16-19, 2003

WHERE: University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany

WHO: over 30 international independent researchers and experts present recent findings on depleted uranium, uranium weapons, and their effects; special quest presenter Dr. Souad Al-Azzawi of Irag, recipient of the 2003 Nuclear Free Future Award and 10.000 Euro prize. Conference is sponsored by Gewaltfreie Aktion Atomwaffen Abschaffen (GAAA), Germany; hosted in cooperation with with ASTA Hamburg Universität Germany and numerous other organizations worldwide (see website for complete list)

WHY – DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT:

Many of the foremost independent researchers and activists from around the world have been invited to this Conference to present their recent findings on depleted uranium (DU) and other uranium weapons - most of which challenge the "official" positions of the US and British governments and their military machines regarding health effects and hazards. The first two days will consist of interactive panels open to the public and media, where the participants will present their findings and engage in discussion with other Conference attendees. The last two days (Sat. & Sun.) will consist of strategic planning Workshops, attendance at which is closed to the general public, and is "by-invitation" only.

An exhibit area will be set up consisting of several photo exhibits and displays about the use and effects of DU worldwide.

A formal press conference is scheduled to take place during the Conference. Private interviews with Panelists and other participants is permitted and encouraged, and facilities will be made available. Opportunities exist for phone interviews with Conference speakers and panelists, and should be scheduled in advance (see website for contacting presenters and Conference staff).

We include below important Conference information. For downloadable information, weekly updates and Conference Schedule, visit our website; http://www.uraniumweaponsconference.de

GETTING TO HAMBURG:

"Bargain" airfares to Europe are still available from internet sites like Travelzoo, Travelocity, etc. The itinerary is to get to a major European hub (London, Frankfurt, Paris, Amsterdam) and then arrange a connecting or shuttle flight to Hamburg Fuhlsbettel Airport.

LIVE INTERNET FEED BEING ARRANGED:

Instructions on how to participate in the Conference via live-internet feed will soon be posted to the website. It won't be as good as being here, since you won't be able to meet others and engage in discussions; but, it is a way to participate and learn about these issues.

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