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Dear Friends,

This month's Newsbrief comes out just after sending home a group of "Global Atlanticists". This bipartisan transatlantic network of German and U.S. lawmakers and key policy advisors was initiated by FES in 2003. This year the group came to the UN for the first time, where FES New York organized three panels to discuss global governance challenges.

Moreover, I would like to draw your attention to a side event in May during the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation on Nuclear Weapons (Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty - NPT).

Looking back, FES and the Brookings Institution held a day-long series of round-table discussions on governance challenges in financing green and sustainable energy policies. Also, on the occasion of the IMF/World Bank Spring Meetings Civil Society Forum, our event provided a report-back from this FES/Brookings event, as well as offered the opportunity for dialogue with members of civil society.

As always, I hope this Newsbrief will make for informative reading and I look forward to receiving your feedback.

With best wishes from New York,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Puschra', is centered below the text.

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Upcoming Events

Please note that participation in all non-public events is by invitation only.

"Towards a Nuclear-Weapon's-Free World: German Parliamentarians in Support of a Successful NPT Review Conference"

Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 1.00 pm - 2.45 p.m

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and the Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN
Conference Room, 22nd floor, Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN, 871 United Nations Plaza

This side event to the NPT Review conference provides the opportunity for an off-the-record exchange between the Bundestag's leading parliamentarians on nuclear disarmament --representatives of government as well as opposition faction-- and participants to the Review conference. UN Missions, nuclear disarmament experts, and non-governmental organizations will address a number of key challenges for nuclear disarmament and Germany's potential role towards that end.

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Recent Events

Global Atlanticists Discuss Global Governance Challenges at the UN

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society gathered for their policy forum prior to the IMF/World Bank Spring Meetings.

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"Springtime for Disarmament: How Wide a Window for Nuclear Rollback?"

March 29, 2010
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and The Century Foundation
New York, Harvard Club

This day-long conference addressed three levels of challenges towards nuclear disarmament: First, the implications of the current review of NATO's strategic doctrine for the role of nuclear weapons. Second, the continued value attached to nuclear weapons. And third, the effectiveness of the NPT regime towards global nuclear disarmament.

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