

## "Another War with Russia? Not in our Name!" -Prominent Germans Call for Diplomacy Not War with Russia

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The German Newspaper <u>Die Zeit published an open letter</u> from various German personalities calling for diplomacy instead of war with Russia:

[Former President] Roman Herzog, [former Vice-President] Antje Vollmer, [Filmmaker] Wim Wenders, [former Chancellor] Gerhard Schröder and many more personalities are calling for a dialogue with Russia.

More than 60 personalities from the realms of politics, economics, culture and the media warn against a war with Russia in a strong appeal and are demanding a new policy of détente in Europe. They are calling on the federal government, members of parliament and the media.

Here are short excerpts from the letter and the names of the signatories:

No one wants war. But North America, the European Union and Russia will inevitably drive us to war if they don't put an end to this dangerous spiral of threats and counter-threats. All Europeans, including Russia, have a common responsibility towards peace and security...

We, the signatories, call on the federal government to take its responsibility towards peace in Europe. We need a new policy of détente in Europe. This is only possible on the basis of equal security for all and equal and mutual respect for partners...

We must not push Russia out of Europe. That would be unhistorical, unreasonable and dangerous for peace. Since the Congress of Vienna in 1814 Russia belongs to the recognized global players in Europe. All who have tried to change that violently have been bloodily defeated...

We appeal to the media, to perform their duty to report without prejudices and be more convincing than ever before. Editorialists and commentators demonize whole nations without giving their story enough value...

The signatories

Mario Adorf, actor Robert Antretter (Bundestag ret.) Prof. Dr. Wilfried Bergmann (Vice – President of the Alma Mater Europaea) Prince Luitpold of Bavaria (Royal Holding and license KG) Achim von Borries (director and writer)

Klaus Maria Brandauer (Actor, Director) Dr. Eckhard Cordes (Chairman of the Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations) Prof. Dr. Herta Däubler-Gmelin (Minister of Justice Retired) Eberhard Diepgen (Former Governing Mayor of Berlin) Dr. Klaus von Dohnanyi (Mayor of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg) Alexander van Dülmen (A-Board Company Filmed Entertainment AG) Stefan Dürr (Managing Partner and CEO Ekosem-Agrar GmbH) Dr. Erhard Eppler (Federal Minister for Development and Cooperation retired) Prof. Dr. Heino Falcke (Propst iR) Prof. Hans-Joachim Frey (CEO Semper Opera Ball Dresden) Father Anselm Grün (Fr.) Sibylle Havemann (Berlin) Dr. Roman Herzog (Former President) Christoph Hein (writer) Dr. Dr. hc Burkhard Hirsch (Bundestag Vice President retd) Volker horns (Academy Director Retired) Joseph Jacobi (organic farmer) Dr. Sigmund Jähn (former astronaut) Uli Jörges (journalist) Prof. Dr. Dr. hc Margot Käßmann (EKD Council President and former bishop) Dr. Andrea von Knoop (Moscow) Prof. Dr. Gabriele Krone-Schmalz (former correspondent for the ARD in Moscow) Friedrich Küppersbusch (journalist) Vera Gräfin von Lehndorff (artist) Irina Liebmann (writer) Dr. hc Lothar de Maizière (Former Prime Minister) Stephen Märki (artistic director of the theater Bern) Prof. Dr. Klaus Mangold (Chairman Mangold Consulting GmbH) Reinhard Mey and Hella (Songwriter) Ruth Misselwitz (Protestant pastor Pankow) Klaus Prömpers (journalist) Prof. Dr. Konrad Raiser (eh. General Secretary of the World Council of Churches World) Jim rocket (Photographer) Gerhard Rein (journalist) Michael Röskau (Secretary ret) Eugen Ruge (writer) Dr. hc Otto Schily (Federal Minister of the Interior Retired) Dr. hc Friedrich Schorlemmer (ev. theologian, civil rights) Georg Schramm (comedian) Gerhard Schröder (Chancellor aD) Philipp von Schulthess (Actor) Ingo Schulze (writer) Hanna Schygulla (actress, singer) Dr. Dieter Spöri (Minister of Economics) Prof. Dr. Fulbert Steffensky (Cath. Theologian) Dr. Wolf-D. Stelzner (Managing Partner: Institute for WDS analyzes in cultures mbH) Dr. Manfred Stolpe (Former Prime Minister) Dr. Ernst-Jörg von Studnitz (Ambassador) Prof. Dr. Walther Stützle (secretary of defense Retired) Prof. Dr. Christian R. Supthut (Board Member Retired) Prof. Horst Teltschik (former adviser at the Federal Office for Security and Foreign Policy) Andres Veiel (Director) Dr. Hans-Jochen Vogel (Federal Minister of Justice retd) Dr Antje Vollmer (Vice-President of the German Bundestag Retired) Bärbel Wartenberg-Potter (Lübeck Bishop retired) Dr. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker (scientists)

Wim Wenders (Director) Wenzel (Songwriter) Gerhard Wolf (writer, publisher)

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