

quefied natural gas, that is bankrupting your society, bankrupting your economy? It's not Russia's fault that Germany is facing the problems that they're facing today! It's America's fault, and it's Germany's fault for

not recognizing this.

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to speak. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to take them.

Mayors Patrick Kindt and Patrick Gombault French Mayors Support the Stralsund Call for Peace

In October, the city of Stralsund, Germany, and its mayor launched an [initiative](#) to urge peace talks in the Ukraine war. The mayor addressed an open letter titled, "A New Stralsund Peace," to the Federal government in Berlin. The letter and initiative made reference to an important peace treaty signed in Stralsund in 1370, which brought an end to a long series of wars in the Baltic Sea region, and offered Stralsund as a venue for negotiations to end the Ukraine war.

Unfortunately, representatives of Stralsund could not participate in this Schiller Institute conference, but said they will do so in a future one. Their initiative made international headlines, and five municipal officials of French towns, including four mayors, became signatories of that appeal and sent their greetings and support. The representatives of Stralsund said they feel equally represented at the Schiller Institute conference by the two French mayors who are speaking today. They are Patrick Kindt, Mayor of Chidrac, a town in the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes region, with a population of 535, and Patrick Gombault, Mayor of Viâpres-le-Petit, in the northeast of France, with 126 inhabitants. They may be small places, but they're about to write history. They have been mobilizing to find more who will sign, and now 19 French mayors are signatories to the appeal by the city of Stralsund.

This is the edited transcript of the presentations by these two French mayors, to Panel 1, "Stopping the Doomsday Clock—The Common Good of the One Humanity," of the Schiller Institute's Nov. 22 conference, "For World Peace—Stop the Danger of Nuclear War: Third Seminar of Political and Social Leaders of the World."

They spoke in French with simultaneous English translation and closed captioning. The full proceedings of the conference are [available](#) at the Schiller Institute website.



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Mayor Patrick Kindt

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, good morning to all of you!

Following the call by the Mayor of Stralsund, which I find necessary to have peace and avoid all the problems, I would like to add why I am responding entirely to this call from Stralsund with my following positions.

Even if one does not accept the invasion of Russia in Ukraine, it is necessary to analyze how this state of affairs came about. It seems obvious that the United States has long been pursuing two objectives in Europe: to weaken Europe and make it dependent on the United States, and to put Europe on the front line in order to prevent Russia, among others, from becoming a competing power. The position of Europe and of France in particular, with its alignment with the American war machine called NATO, does not allow us to act for peace with other countries. It is therefore urgent for the interest of the Ukrainian and Russian populations, and for the interest of the world, that this war stops.

Negotiation remains the only way to stop the spiral of war, both present and future, where the people are always the losers.

Mayor Patrick Gombault

It is always difficult to express oneself on a subject that one does not master perfectly. However, one thing

is clear: many possibilities to obtain a peaceful solution to this European conflict have been neglected, even before the outbreak of hostilities. Diplomatic activity has not been the favored voice. It is time for our leaders to take stock of the situation and to avoid a totally irreversible situation.

My thoughts are with the people of Ukraine. I have

no doubt that they would have preferred a demilitarized, neutral Ukraine, a prosperous, free and harmonious union instead of exodus, drama, and destruction.

Let us have a strong will to replace weapons with diplomacy. And so, I salute here the initiative of the city of Stralsund in Germany for this will for peace.

Thank you.

Judge Antonio Ingroia Italy and Europe Are on the Front Line In the Danger of a Nuclear War

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Judge Ingroia is a former anti-mafia Magistrate in Sicily, who worked with the well-known judges Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, who were both assassinated in 1992 by the mafia. He was a candidate for Prime Minister of Italy in 2013 on the Azione Civile slate, and then again recently in the national elections for the Sovereign and Popular Italy platform, which was fighting for peace and for an exit from NATO. He had engagements with the United Nations, fighting against drugs and organized crime.

Judge Ingroia spoke in Spanish, with English simultaneous interpretation and closed captioning. The full proceedings of the conference are [available](#) at the Schiller Institute website.

Good afternoon to all our friends who are connected to this very important meeting for peace in the world.

I am Italian, and I believe that we face a very grave threat right now in the world, in which the entire human race is at risk. So, what is needed is an effort, a very big effort, a political moral, cultural and ethical effort, we could say, because all of the world’s people are together facing this threat, this danger of the end of the human species. Very possibly, very probably a



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nuclear war is the greatest, the worst catastrophe that we can see in our future.

Thus, as an Italian and a citizen of the world, as a political person, as someone involved in seeking the best future for us all, I believe that we need unity and a dialogue among all of us, a world dialogue of the most responsible parties to confront this threat. Italy and Europe are on the front lines facing this danger, but the entire world is in danger.

A meeting or meetings such as this are very important to pressure world leaders to choose a way forward or

the best pathway to achieve peace for all citizens. This is no time for one or another country to exert its supremacy or its imperialism in the world. This is the time to think of the future of *all* humanity. I believe that we all have to do everything we can, and we can do a lot.

I truly believe that nations that are united can do a great deal. The force of a united people cannot be stopped. Our mission is to build a universal alliance, a world alliance against war, against the spirit of war, to build a real and lasting peace in the interest of the nations of the entire world.

I am here in Italy but I can be with our friends in Latin America. I believe Latin America is a very important place from which to send a very strong message to all the leaders of the most powerful nations to really change the direction away from their tragic spirit of war that we must replace with a spirit of peace.

Thanks to you all, and let’s proceed. I am here and I am happy to answer your questions.

Thank you.