

Invitation to the Conference of the
EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS
20/21 October 2005, European Parliament, Brussels

Dear Friend,

Preparations for this year's conference are well underway. We do hope you will be able to join us in Brussels in October. Please follow this link to <http://www.russfound.org/Enet/enphr%2005%20Reply.htm> for the registration form.

There are three main themes for our conference. First, the widespread undermining and deprivation of **civil liberties** is an important part of our agenda for this year's meeting. **Tony Bunyan** has prepared a special report for us concerning the 'exceptional and draconian' measures entailed in the emerging 'counter-terrorism' regime amongst the G8 and European Union countries. This is now available as a pamphlet under the title "**Countering Civil Rights**". We will gladly send you a copy – please email us on elfeuro@compuserve.com. It is also available on the web, with updates (www.statewatch.org).

Second, there is **Iraq**. The World Tribunal on Iraq took place in Istanbul at the end of June. It was a great success, bringing together the testimony of Iraqis enduring the daily chaos, privations and dangers of their occupied country, together with opinion and comment on the causes and consequences of war. Many of fifty or so papers presented at the tribunal are available online (www.worldtribunal.org). The organisers in Turkey will report on the work of the Tribunal at our meeting in October, and we have invited them to present their proposals on how to carry the work forward.

Third, there are **nuclear weapons**. **Regina Hagen** in Germany has also kindly agreed to help convene a workshop on nuclear issues, and this will include the growing demand for the complete withdrawal of US nuclear weapons from Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

There is no fee for the Conference, but all applicants are required to meet their own costs of travel and accommodation. The Brussels Tourist Office (www.brusselsdiscovery.com) can help with accommodation.

Yours sincerely,

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