

# Take Decisive Action To Avert Nuclear War, Open the Way to World Development

June 10—As it happens, in the beginning of June, two opposing sets of high-profile announcements were made by world leaders. One set is from France, where President Emmanuel Macron and U.S. President Joe Biden, on a state visit, made a mockery of the occasion of the 80th anniversary of D-Day, announcing new military aid to Ukraine “to stop Russia.” Each leader met with Ukraine’s President Zelensky, who also briefed the French National Assembly June 7. Macron reiterated his intention to provide fighter jets and training on-site in Ukraine. Biden announced a new, \$225 million arms shipment to Ukraine.

Announcements from Russia and China, on the other side, came forward for new economic commitments with multiple Global Majority nations for remarkable projects for development. The June 5-8 St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF), over its four days with dozens of meetings, brought together 21,000 participants from 139 nations. The estimated total value of the 980 deals made, comes to over \$70 billion, many of which, whether “expensive” or modest, are transformational. In tandem, special economic and diplomatic meetings in Beijing took place this past week, concerning the worldwide Belt and Road Initiative. Consider certain new projects announced, by continent:

**Africa.** At the SPIEF, the West African nation of Guinea signed a memorandum of understanding with Russia’s nuclear power company Rosatom, to collaborate on stationing floating nuclear power plant units (FNPP) on its coast, whose electricity can lift up its 14 million people to a higher, new platform of life.

**Asia.** In Beijing on June 6, a deal was signed for the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan Railway, long discussed and finally agreed upon, which will provide a qualitatively new degree of interconnectivity, not

only for China and Central Asia, but also for Central Asia to Southwest Asia, Africa, and Europe. The three nations’ Presidents watched the deal-signing by live video, then each described the new horizons before them all. Uzbek President Sadyr Japarov said the new rail system will serve four billion people, and reach into Southwest Asia, Europe, and Africa. Chinese President Xi Jinping called it a landmark project of the Belt and Road Initiative.

**South America.** In Beijing, one of the ministerial members of the Brazil delegation attending the seventh session of the Sino-Brazilian High Level Cooperation Commission on June 4-8, raised the vision of a transcontinental railway to finally connect, overland, the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. More might be expected on this in November, when the Brazilian and Chinese leaders can meet on the sidelines of the G20 hosted by Brazil.

During SPIEF, Bolivian President Luis Arce concluded many new deals for his country, especially in the area of nuclear power. He summed up the outlook for the new spirit of development, telling RT in a June 7 interview, “We are convinced that multilateralism is the path, and that it inexorably will be the destiny followed by the planet.”

These updates taken together—the militaristic drive of the Western establishment and Global NATO, and the development drive of the non-NATO world—put us on the brink of unprecedented danger while we are at the same time on the edge of a spectacular advancement for all humanity. The core of the West, the Trans-Atlantic, is in economic and financial breakdown. The sane reaction of its leaders would be to break with the collapsing policies, and instead, join with the Global Majority in development. If such a decision is made, today’s crises can all be resolved.

## EDITORIAL

This is the perspective of the international conference this coming weekend, June 15-16, sponsored by the Schiller Institute, titled, “The World on the Brink: For a New Peace of Westphalia.”

Meantime, the danger is worsening by the hour, with conflicts escalating toward World War III. During Biden’s stay in France for the D-Day commemoration, on June 8 Ukraine fired five U.S. ATACMS missiles into the People’s Republic of Lugansk, an entity of the Russian Federation territories since late 2022. It is not a stretch to say that the world is on a hair-trigger to an all-out war.

This is the time to speak out against this madness. It must stop. The enemy is exposed and vulnerable, even as it tries to silence voices of reason. On June 3, the U.S. State Department seized the passport of Scott Ritter, WMD expert and American anti-war spokesman, and blocked him from boarding a plane to Istanbul, en route to participate in the SPIEF in St. Petersburg. On June 6, yet another hit list was issued by the NATO so-called “anti-disinformation” network, centered in Ukraine, with funding and direction by the State Department’s U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

The Ukrainian non-governmental organization

(NGO), Texty Data Journalism Agency, published an enemies list of 390 Americans and 76 organizations (all but a handful of which are also American) charged with “echoing Russian propaganda” and “contributing to political discordance within the decision-making establishment.” How? By calling for an end to the insanity of unending U.S. use of Ukraine to wage war against Russia, and for promoting peace. As with other Ukrainian hitlists, the funding and direction of the Texty Data Journalism Agency connects directly into the U.S. State Department (USAID), the UK, and NATO networks.

Scott Ritter, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder of the Schiller Institute, and other world leaders are speaking out against the danger of nuclear war and the thug operations attempting to silence voices backing peace and development. Ritter, Zepp-LaRouche, and others are speaking at an emergency press conference June 12, sponsored by the Schiller Institute at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. The event is titled, “[The Danger of Nuclear War Is Real, and Must Be Stopped.](#)”

Emergency initiatives undertaken now, can be the decisive, historic action to halt the war drive, and open the way to development for all.