

Green Global.

International politics on basis of joint responsibility

The challenges facing the world are more pressing than ever – climate change, poverty, hunger, the commodities crisis and the arms race. None of these problems can be solved separately and no state can deal with them unilaterally. With numerous parliamentary initiatives in the German Bundestag, we called for a modern, holistic understanding of politics. Our concept of Green international politics lowers the boundaries between different areas of policy and focuses on the key aspects of human security – peace, global fairness, the environment and social development.

Improve quality and efficiency of development policies

Two billion people around the world live off less than one US dollar a day. This blatantly unjust distribution of wealth promotes civil war. That's why our initiatives aim to improve the quality and efficiency of development policies. The global community has taken the right course with the UN Millennium Development Goals. We insist that the rich OECD countries meet their promise of channelling 0.7 percent of their GNP into development aid.

In the fight against hunger there have been setbacks which have to be corrected. The international community must offer immediate assistance and try to find permanent solutions. Nutrition is a human right which has to have precedence over the interests of trade and agricultural policy and the concerns of energy and finance policy.

Fairer rules of engagement in international politics

International organisations are still working with the structures introduced in the aftermath of World War Two, but our globalised world has moved on. The Green Global Governance concept provides international politics with new structures and rules of engagement. We do not simply surrender the new balance of power to the strongest players. We Greens are committed to the ideal of a fair world.

We believe that the most important institution in global politics is the UNO. Having said this, the UNO has become highly complex, slow and cumbersome. However difficult it may be, we must reform the UNO to enhance its ability to act. We have proposed specific measures aimed at achieving a fair climate policy, a new global financial architecture and the right to nutrition, all of which are preconditions for global peace and security.

Preventing crises – supervising financial markets

The financial crisis has underlined the need for a new global financial architecture. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank will remain outdated for as long as developing nations are excluded. Our initiatives aim to boost the supervision of large banks and international financial markets. We are pressing for European financial supervision, one which is also committed to protecting investors. There can be no tolerance for tax oases in the EU either. On an international level, we have to discuss the introduction of levies for climate protection and development and for the stabilisation of financial markets.

Germany must set a good example

We cannot deal with these global challenges on our own, but we must nevertheless set a good example.

Countries which call for disarmament have to destroy their own stocks of cluster bombs and landmines and limit their arms exports. Countries which aim to rein in climate change must implement ambitious climate targets themselves and expand their use of renewable energies. Only in this way will Germany be able to make a substantial contribution towards sustainable policies on a global level.

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On www.gruene-bundestag.de >> Plenum >> Initiativen (<http://www.gruene-bundestag.de/cms/initiativen/rubrik/4/4544.html>) you can find the following green motions (in german):

- BT-Drs.16/12297 European external energy relations (motion for a resolution) (*Europäische Energieaußenpolitik*)
- BT-Drs.16/7531 Stabilise financial markets (motion) (*Finanzmärkte stabilisieren*)
- BT-Drs. 16/13003 Support developing nations in economic and financial crisis (motion) (*Entwicklungsländer bei der Wirtschafts- und Finanzkrise unterstützen*)

Further topics

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