

**Report from the ‘Moving Beyond Missile Defense and Space Weapons’
Working Group to Abolition 2000 AGM
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The final report of the working group “Moving Beyond Missile Defense and Space Weapons” was published in October 2021 at the IPB Congress in Barcelona, Spain.

We held a webinar on the occasion of the launch, which was chaired by Claus Mononen. In addition to Claus, several other members of the group, including Dave Webb, Juergen Scheffran, Subrata Ghoshroy (the report editor), Monica Zoppe, and Masako Ikegami also participated.

The report was compiled by Subrata Ghoshroy and edited by Lucas Wirl from the ‘International Network of Engineers and Scientists’ (INES). It can be downloaded from the INES website at <http://inesglobal.net/>.

A second event to publicize the report was organized by Dave Webb for January 2022 as an NPT side event jointly with A2000. However, it was canceled due to the cancellation of the NPT Rev Con. The webinar took place later as an independent event chaired by Regina Hagen.

We have had no other activities since then.

At this time, we do not anticipate any further activities unless there is any further interest from the disarmament community. Unfortunately, INES has no resources available to launch any new initiative.

Separately, Subrata gave a webinar on the subject, which was organized by Massachusetts Peace Action. Following the seminar, a number of participants volunteered to work on banning missile defense systems. The group met several times in the last few months and decided to undertake outreach to the broader peace community to be followed by a possible campaign to put pressure on Congress to terminate the strategic, ground-based midcourse defense (GMD) system deployed in Alaska and California, along with the termination of deployment in NATO countries surrounding Russia.

Although the group realizes the political difficulties in view of the war in Ukraine, we believe that missile defense should be on the agenda in any eventual US-Russia negotiations to end the war.

Anyone interested may join the group.