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SALW and Militarization – German Peace Researcher gives Talk at the German House New York

On 14 April 2010 (13:15 hrs.) Peter J. Croll, Director BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion) will be giving a talk “SALW and Militarization. Danger for regional stability?” in New York at the German House (UN Plaza). Mr. Croll was invited by the German Foreign Office to speak to selected United Nations Ambassadors.

“High rates of SALW proliferation can lead to (e.g.) state destabilization, human rights violations and increasing violence and crime”, Peter J. Croll, Director BICC, emphasizes.

Together with representatives of the German Foreign Office and United Nations Ambassadors, he will discuss solutions such as

- reinforcing and supporting regional arms control centers (UNLIREC, Lomé-Center and RECSA);
- regionwide initiatives for technological communication and legal harmonization of small arms and ammunition stockpile control mechanisms such as marking and tracing;
- empirical, verifiable, stockpile assessments (such as e.g. BICC-ECOWAS SALW assessment) and
- humanitarian arms control (Anti-personnel-mines, cluster ammunition).

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