

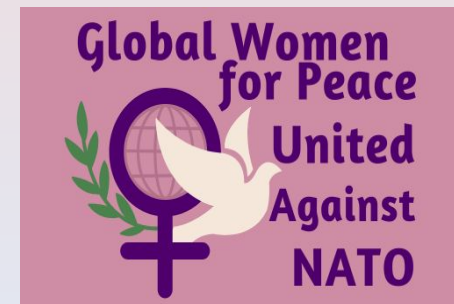
PEACEBUILDING NEXT TO RUSSIA

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World BEYOND War

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- **Used by approx. 2,500 civilian vessels per day.**
One of the world's busiest seaways

- Shallow and crowded. **Can only be accessed through three narrow straits**

- **Note:**
 - St. Petersburg
 - Kaliningrad Oblast



Finland's NATO-membership April 2023 - NATO's border to Russia doubled - 1.300 km – 830 m

Newsweek – 4.10.2022 - headline: As NATO member, Finland could have nuclear weapons **600 m (965 km) from Kremlin**



48 Nordic US bases - DCA

Dec. 2023

- **Finland 15**
(border 1.340 km – 830 mi)
 - **Sweden 17**
 - **Norway 12**
- With possibilities for more
+ earlier installations
- **Denmark 4**

NATO-memberships

Finland - Sweden - 2023, 2024

“thanks” to the US
provoked Ukraine war



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NATO's Eastern Flank: STRONGER DEFENCE AND DETERRENCE

16 MARCH 2022

40,000 TROOPS UNDER DIRECT NATO COMMAND

130 ALLIED AIRCRAFT AT HIGH ALERT

100,000 US TROOPS DEPLOYED TO EUROPE

140 ALLIED SHIPS AT SEA



24/7 AIR PATROL & SURVEILLANCE

All numbers indicative

Russia's answer to US approval for US made long-range missile strikes Into Russia

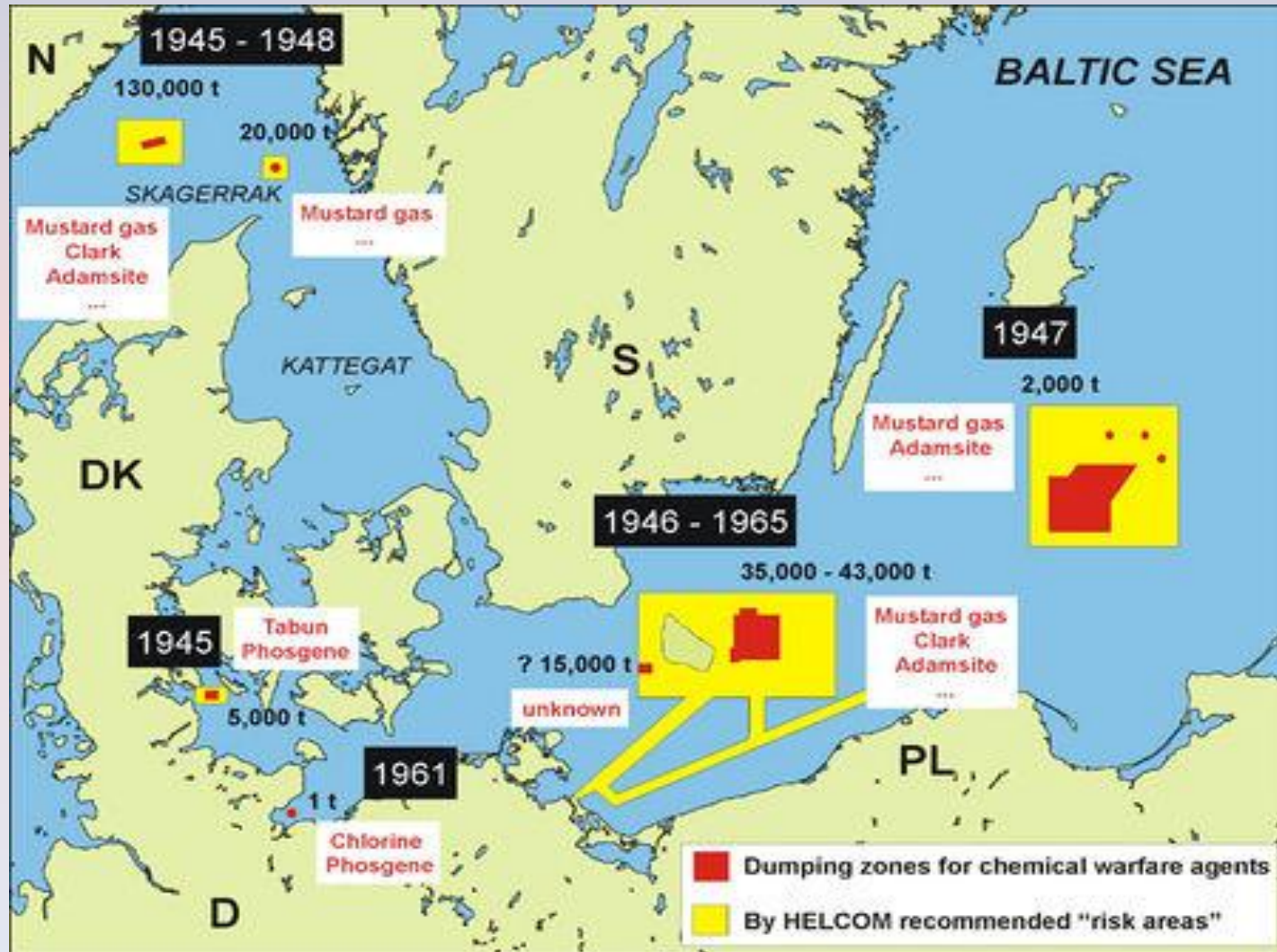
Intercont. missile – range over 5.500 km (3.418 m)

- Paris: 17,2 min.
- London: 17,7 min.
- Kiev: 5,5 min.
- **Helsinki: 10 min.**
- Vilnius (Lithuania): 8,3 min.
- Redzikowo (US missile base in Poland): 11,1 min.
- Ramstein (Germany, US NATO-Base): 15 min.
- Bukarest (Romania): 9,4 min.

UNCUT NEWS - 25.11. 2024



Military legacy WWI + WWII - Chemical and conventional ammunition in the Baltic Sea



CBNW (Chemical, Biological & Nuclear Warfare) Magazine – 29.10.24

- the Baltic Sea is one of the most polluted waters worldwide
- contaminated by **hundreds of thousands of tons of munitions dating back as far as WW I**
- approx. **160,000 mines were laid in the Baltic Sea during WW I and II.**
- Mine clearance 1996-2022 showed that ab. 25% of contact mines remain in the area where they were sunk. 75% of ground mines remain in the positions where they were laid.

- after WW II approx. **300,000 tons** of bombs, torpedoes, rockets, mines, depth charges, artillery shells, explosives, propellants, and chemical warfare agents were dumped at the sea bottom
- **ignored for 80 years**, they have gradually degraded and leaked their toxic contents into the water



Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE) – 2020

- **The Baltic Sea is the most radioactive in the world with caesium-137**
- **Main cause Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident 1986: about 82% of caesium**
- **Russia nuclear testing: about 14% of caesium. Novaya Zemlya archipelago in the Arctic Ocean (i.a. Tsar Bomba, Oct. 1961)**

European Environment Agency 16.4.24

- Measurements in Baltic (and North) Sea water showed **substantial PFAS contamination between 2005 and 2018**
- **PFAS = a group of forever chemicals** - Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances
- **pose risks to marine organisms and human health**

St. Petersburg - September 21-22, 2024

ORGANISERS

- *Public Council of the Southern Coast of the Gulf of Finland*
- *Global Women for Peace United Against NATO – GWUAN*
- *Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space*
- *International Peace Bureau (IPB) - Geneva, Barcelona, Berlin*
- *World BEYOND War*

PARTICIPANTS

- *5 foreign participants present in St. Petersburg (Canada 1, Finland 4)*
- *Some 120 participants from different countries online*



Declaration from the conference in St. Petersburg

Sent to:

- The governments and members of parliaments in the Baltic and Arctic regions
- The United Nations (UN)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
- The Arctic Council
- The Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC)
- Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (also known as the Helsinki Commission HELCOM)
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- the Legislative Assemblies of St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region

- **immediate halt to escalation in Ukraine**
- **stop to weapons deliveries** to Ukraine
- parties sincerely to **work for a permanent peaceful solution**
- prioritize UN initiatives, resolutions and treaties
- **Arctic and Baltic states to sign and ratify the TPNW** (Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons)
- **Arctic and Baltic regions to be made nuclear-weapons-free and demilitarized zones of peace**
- **restitution of the OSCE** as necessary framework for peace in Europe and the world. (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe)

- **Russia to be included in all HELCOM meetings**
- **restore the Arctic Council** work and include Russia
- cooperation between **Indigenous people** across the Arctic borders
- **open borders**, facilitation of interstate exchanges, restoring people-to people programs
- **move the money from the military**
- emphasis on human and common security, prioritize peace, climate cooperation, environmental sustainability, equitable resource distribution, social, health and education security



***First they ignore you.
Then they laugh at you.
Then they fight you.
Then you win.***

-Mahatma Gandhi

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