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seems to be doing everything possible to set up a war scenario for incoming President Trump, as it opens the sluices of new weapons sales and donations to Israel and Ukraine.

On the other hand, however, the vast majority of nations of the world are pursuing development, freedom from the conditions of colonialism. Nine nations officially became partners of the BRICS on Jan. 1, a partnership which a *Global Times* editorial points out:

avoids zero-sum games between major powers and offers a more inclusive paradigm for international relations. It is this inclusivity that has prompted many countries from the Global South to rush to apply for membership in the BRICS family. ... Through the BRICS platform, the Global South can free itself from the traditional geopolitical pressure of 'taking sides' and pursue greater autonomy in a multipolar world.

People of the West have a choice to make: Do we continue to endure the hardships of collapse of the

imperial world order, to "bear those ills we have," even to the point of nuclear annihilation? Or do we throw off the system and join the new paradigm?

It would be so easy for the United States to stop acting like a world hegemon and, instead, to cooperate with other nations for development. In remarks to the IPC on Jan. 3, Helga Zepp-LaRouche remarked:

I think it is a promising situation. I think if we can convince the West, the European countries and the United States, they should and must stop the confrontation with the Global South, which has become the Global Majority, and cooperate in a New Paradigm, reconstructing the war-torn regions, that that is the only way we can really secure peace. We call upon all people in the world to join hands with us to make the year 2025 early on, the year of such a change.

The Schiller Institute report "<u>Development Drive</u> <u>Means Billions of New Jobs, No Refugees, No War</u>" provides the roadmap to do just that.

Schiller Institute: It Is Past Time for the Genocide to Stop!

Jan. 5, 2024—The Schiller Institute today issued the following statement.

With urgency, the Schiller Institute adds its voice to those of dozens of organizations and thousands of individuals worldwide in support of the demand by Doctors Against Genocide (DAG) that the ongoing genocide being perpetrated in Gaza must stop immediately.

"The deliberate bombing of hospitals, the targeting of healthcare workers, and the systematic destruction of medical services must be stopped. Not another child should suffer, starve, be amputated, or lose their life due to this ongoing genocide," the DAG's recent urgent appeal states. "We are sick from genocide," they state.

These doctors and healthcare workers represent the best humanist tradition of the Hippocratic Oath, which by extension prescribes for *all* moral persons who would help heal the human condition that we must "do no harm or injustice"—but also suggests that we must actively do the Good. While most of the world stands by and watches in horror as another genocide unfolds before our very eyes; while the NATO governments lead us to the very brink of thermonuclear war; those who are standing up and raising their voice against these Nuremburg crimes are keeping the spark of everyone's humanity alive—and that is a force which, if strengthened and educated, can spread and do incalculable Good in the world.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the founder of the Schiller Institute, on Jan. 3 called for all organizations and individuals to join forces to stop the ongoing genocide, in remarks to the 83rd weekly meeting of the International Peace Coalition, which she initiated:

I think that is why we absolutely have to move this, but not stop there: Because think about Sudan, think about Yemen, think about Haiti. There is genocide, and it's part of this system, which is why we need to have a new security and development architecture which puts a completely new system on the table. I think 2025 is the year when we either will manage to do that, or we will see that the world may be blown up. So, this is a very strong motivation to move with everything we can.

The Schiller Institute offers Zepp-LaRouche's "Ten Principles of a New International Security and Development Architecture" as a discussion document to further and deepen that process.

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