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Civil society is growing closer

ethecon: No ban of the 'Rote Hilfe'!

The ethecon foundation vehemently rejects the threat of a ban of the 'Rote Hilfe' and points out that the context in which it appears seems very close to the internationally occurring right-wing shift, military build-up and decay of democracy.

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Ethecon foundation for ethics and economy rejects the threat of a ban towards the legal aid organization 'Rote Hilfe e.V.' from the Department of the Interior under minister Horst Seehofer. The threat led to a wave of solidarity in the recent weeks, and gained the organisation a few hundred new members, but ethecon sees parallels between the threat and the fiscal attacks on the non-profit legislation governing civil organisations that are getting inconvenient for the government, the upgrade in police equipment and the world-wide occurring attacks on civil and democratic rights.

Whilst the non-profit status of the globalization critical network 'attac' is argued over in front of a jury, the CDU is publicly talking about increasing the requirements for common-benefit organisations to acquire non-profit status so as to exclude organisations like the 'Deutsche Umwelthilfe' (German Environmental Aid). That the 'Rote Hilfe' is under attack at the same time as police legislation is tightening as well is no coincidence: ethecon would like to remind everyone, that even back in the times of the Weimar Republic, the 'Rote Hilfe' was actively fighting against war mongering which led many of their members to be incarcerated in concentration camps under the nazi regime.

'All of these organisations defend the democratic rights and the interest of the common population. The German Environmental Aid is thorn in the side of the automobile industry and as such, an issue for the current government as well. The 'Rote Hilfe' which hold onto

the anti-fascism ideas of the constitution is a road-block for the totalitarian reorganization of the state as it is introduced by the new policies governing police-law.' – states ethecon executive director Niklas Hoves.

The company- and capitalism critical foundation calls out to all endangered organisations to move closer together. 'When the affected stand together, the political shift to the right will be meaningless' – says ethecon founder Axel Köhler-Schnura. 'We're all in the same boat.'