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Dear All,

*Who doesn't want to live in peace safely and securely? Honestly, we all do it seriously. However, currently more resources are going worldwide into means of destruction rather than to foster the population adequately particularly in terms of the rural areas needed for this purpose. This cannot go well. So hopefully this armament race and all the atrocious combats will end as soon as possible, period!*

*Once this will be reached, the question remains who will clear up all the mess that remains, with all the explosive remnants of war (ERW). Not doubt that this will be a long lasting and dangerous task. Even today some eight decades after WW II, this sort of remnants still can be found around us here in the German soil. So all the knowledge and experience in this field certainly will be required. Preserving all this and looking for helpful tools particularly for detecting threat indications that may already exist in other areas such as non-destructive testing was the commitment of the EDTF Working-Group 5 originally founded by Professor Vjera Krstelj in Croatia after the Balkan war. Now we certainly will encounter a similar situation in the future, hopefully very soon, but expectedly on a significant larger scale. So please keep this working group in mind!*

*By the way, with many thanks to the European Federation for Non-Destructive Testing, this link still exists where you can find some information that may be still required once the ongoing battles will be hopefully over:*

*<http://www.efndt.org/Organisation/Working-Groups/Working-Group-5-Public-Security>*

*Again, as in all the years before, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year 2025, stay with hope and remain confident.*

Kind regards  
Kurt Osterloh

