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Aubiko e.V. is a non-profit organisation for exchange, education and communication founded with the objective of facilitating intercultural encounters in order to enable people to engage in intercultural learning. We are aware that social challenges in a globalized world are complex and complicated. Throughout the transformation and development of society, there are those who benefit from the new conditions and those who find it harder to deal with and adapt to it. Technical progress, the loss of familiar systems, values and norms, and new living conditions unsettle many people. In order to be socially inclusive, everyone should be enabled to learn to orient themselves in the ever-changing world. We as individuals and as a society are required to engage, to keep each other mutually informed, to deal with each other and to support each other. This exclusively works by teaching, learning and sharing. Therefore, we focus on organizing student exchanges with participants from all over the world on a variety of topics. In addition to the individual exchange of students, we are particularly interested in encounter projects with school classes, as we can also include those in class that we cannot reach in the classical student exchange. Consequently, we wish to make a contribution to the promotion (fostering) of international understanding. In addition, we conduct regular trainings for foreign German teachers, who in turn become multipliers of intercultural learning in their home countries. We also hold seminars on intercultural teaching and learning in various institutions, such as the Hamburg Police Academy.

We find it alarming that more and more people, parties and media in Germany are abusing the fears of some parts of the population in order to exploit them for their own purposes. It is frightening how quickly trust and confidence can be undermined and an uncertainty spreads so that it can quickly turn into aggression, hatred and violence. Germany has a very special historical responsibility in this context. We want to assume this responsibility by acting as an organization and spending our time, energy and effort bringing together people from different cultures, ages and social backgrounds. They should get to know each other, learn from and about each other,



reduce fears, prejudices and resentments and work together on a peaceful coexistence.

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