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"Do not be afraid, because we come as friends", says Patrick Bond, economist and activist from South Africa, when he talks about coming to Hamburg to protest against the G20 summit. "We want to take away the fears of us, which are fueled by politics". In the letter co-written by him to Hamburg's civil society it says: "The true invaders and destroyers of our cities are the G20 and we must protect ourselves together. If they want a democracy-free zone in Hamburg, we want a G20-free Hamburg."

Already for months people from countries like Argentina, France and Ireland plan their journey to Hamburg. The International No G20 coordinating groups clarifies that they want to protest in July in solidarity with the people living in Hamburg: with respect for their neighborhoods and the inspiring activities within them, that emanates solidarity and freedom. Bettina Müller from Attac Argentina says: "I am looking forward to Hamburg and its people and hope that one gets to know each other during the protests".

The International No G20 group is part of the global preparation of protests against the G20 summit in Hamburg and is composed of different groups from Europe and the world. This includes for example Attac Argentina, the network "BRICS from below", social centers from Italy, left groups from Eastern Europe and human rights groups. The protest plans include a congress, blockades, actions of mass civil disobedience and a big demonstration.