



Global Security Institute

Ongoing Initiatives

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✓ Following successful consultations at the Carter Center in Atlanta and the Clingendael Institute in The Hague with high level participation of senior diplomats of more than 25 governments and former heads of state, **the Middle Powers Initiative (MPI) is privileged to have secured governmental co-sponsorship of its ongoing work to preserve and strengthen the nuclear nonproliferation/disarmament regime.** For example, in September, 2006 at the Canadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in March, 2007 at the IAEA headquarters in Vienna, MPI's Article VI Forum was hosted by the governments of Canada and Austria respectively. In the near future we look forward to being hosting by the governments of Ireland, Sweden, Japan and Germany. We are proud of this capacity to convene such high level participation to strategize and address practical means of advancing nuclear disarmament.



High-level ambassadors from the MPI conference in Ottawa, September 2006



Ambassador Tom Graham, Dr. Hans Blix, and Jonathan Granoff meet with Senator Robert Casey (D-PA)

✓ Effectively advocates for a strengthened non-proliferation regime with senior Republicans and Democrats in Congress. In partnership with the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission led by Dr. Hans Blix, GSI convened several delegations to Washington through our **Bipartisan Security Group (BSG) program, presenting effectively our analysis and policies to leading Senators and Congresspeople addressed meetings of members of the Bipartisan Task force on Non-proliferation and the Center Aisle Caucus.** Our contacts with key moderate Republicans and Democrats have grown in strength and in number as a result of these welcomed testimonies. We are pleased with some of the political positions these members are now taking.

✓ **Expanding the network of parliamentarians around the world working for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.** The Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament continues to grow quantitatively and qualitatively. With over 500 members in 70 countries, we work to inform, empower and support lawmakers seeking to advance these policies in their respective legislatures. In Belgium and Germany, PNND Members introduce resolutions on tactical nuclear weapons deployed in Europe. These resolutions were adopted. PNND Update is published in several languages on a regular basis, and, in 2006, we launched the German and Japanese versions of the PNND website.

✓ Effectively engages world leaders to work for nuclear disarmament. As part of our Disarmament and Peace Education program, **we work continually with Nobel Peace Laureates and other similar cultural leaders to advance the issue of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.** For example, several GSI leaders have represented the International Peace Bureau (a Nobel Laureate organization) at Peace Laureate Summits regularly since 2002 and just last November, GSI leaders contributed significantly to the creation and issuance of "The Rome Declaration," a call for nuclear disarmament, the first such statement on this issue from these morally authoritative world figures.



Jonathan Granoff and Douglas Roche, working with the Nobel Laureates to craft their statement calling for abolition in Rome, 2006

✓ **Contributes to advancing the role of the United Nations in disarmament worldwide.** Our successful advocacy at the highest levels of the UN helped to ensure that the Office for Disarmament Affairs retained its stature and budgetary levels in the new administration of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. We continue our effective working relationship with the Office of the Secretary-General and the Office of Ambassador Sergio Q. Duarte, the new High Representative and Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs.

✓ Helped organize and **testified at the first Congressional hearing of the decade focused entirely on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.** On September 26, 2006, GSI President Jonathan Granoff, BSG Chairman Ambassador Thomas Graham and GSI Advisory Board member Dr. Frank von Hippel testified at the hearings titled, "Weapons of Mass Destruction: Current Nuclear Proliferation Challenges."

✓ **Advances a cooperative security regime in outer space.** Through our new project with the Secure World Foundation, GSI has convened several high-level panels and informal consultations and workshops, allowing governments to discuss in-depth ways of strengthening the rule of law in outer space and preventing its weaponization. No other forum to discuss this critical issue of global security currently exists.

✓ **Provides the United Nations leadership with creative, new ideas.** As one of only three non-governmental experts, GSI testified to the Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, on the need for a cooperative security regime, based on the rule of law, in outer space. The Board adopted our recommendation that the Secretary-General convene a high level panel to assess the legal and security needs of our growing dependence on outer space and we continue to further advance this idea with Member States.



*Informal lunchtime consultation
on space security in our
New York office
February 9, 2007*

✓ **Contributes substantive analysis to major and specialized media.** In addition to the dozens of policy papers circulated at the United Nations, in Washington and in foreign ministries around the world, GSI leadership published dozens of op/eds and other articles on disarmament and international security in online blogs, legal journals and major newspapers. We are regularly interviewed by radio and print journalists as credible, authoritative experts on international security and arms control, including NPR, BBC, and the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting Network.

✓ **Regularly engages and empowers young people.** In addition to our exciting internship programs in New York, Washington, Philadelphia and New Zealand, GSI leadership continually works with students and young activists across the world, encouraging new leadership and promoting new thinking on nuclear weapons elimination through innovative educational activities. In 2006, GSI participated in almost a dozen conferences and workshops aimed at youth, including the Dropping Knowledge forum in Berlin, several Model UN Conferences in Philadelphia and at churches and universities across the US.

✓ **Opened dynamic New York office.** Serving as the headquarters for our Middle Powers Initiative program, our new offices in New York City-- located just three blocks from the United Nations-- serve as a hub of activity for the peace and security community in New York. We have hosted dozens of formal and informal sessions and seminars in our large and magnificently appointed conference room. We are sharing the space with the Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy, Global Action to Prevent War and the Jane Goodall Institute.

✓ **Regularly works with the highest-level decision makers in key middle power countries.** For example, the Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada and GSI Advisory Board member successfully led MPI's fifth high-level delegation to the government of Canada since 1998. The delegation included MPI Chairman the Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C., BSG Chairman Ambassador Thomas Graham, and GSI President Jonathan Granoff. The delegation was received by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Foreign Minister and the National Defence Minister. They presented an MPI Briefing Paper prepared especially for the government of Canada. In addition, the delegation formally testified before the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee. Similar delegations have been sent to Germany, Norway, Japan, Sweden and the United Kingdom.



*High-level delegation to Canada:
Sen. Roche, Prime Minister
Campbell, Amb. Graham and
Jonathan Granoff*

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