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### François d'Alañon

François d'Alañon is the Senior Foreign Correspondent for *La Croix*, a French national daily newspaper. In that position, he has covered the Balkan region, the Middle East, Asia and Africa, as well as NATO and the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy. Previously, he was Foreign News Editor and Middle East Reporter for the same newspaper. He is the former auditor of the Institute for Higher National Defence Studies and he holds a diploma from the Paris Institute for Political Studies and a Master's of Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

### Eve Bazaiba Masudi

Eve Bazaiba Masudi is the Chair of the Senate Committee on Socio-Cultural Affairs in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). She is a member of the non-governmental organization Kafko, which is made up of women fighting for peace, democracy and human rights, in close coordination with the UN Mission in the DRC. She is a member of the Women as Partners for Peace in Africa and Executive Secretary for the Respect and Application of the African Charter.

### Gabriel Banon

Gabriel Banon is a Moroccan-born French economist and special advisor to several African governments. He served as industrial policy advisor to French President Georges Pompidou, and was the first CEO of the Industrial Development Institute. After the Oslo Peace Accord between Israel and Palestine, President Yasser Arafat appointed Mr. Banon as his economic advisor. Banon believed that the success of the Palestinian economy was key to the peace process and assisted in developing a free-standing economy. Banon's published works include *La Paix de tous les dangers (Peace in the Middle East)*, Ed. Val de France 1998.

### Mark Bin Bakar

Mark Bin Bakar is an Indigenous Australian who has sought justice for members of the Stolen Generation as Chair of the Kimberley Stolen Generations Corporation. He was an inaugural deputy convener of the Stolen Generations Alliance formed in 2006. He is a musician, comedian and radio presenter based in Kimberley, Western Australia. He is the creator of Stompen Ground and the Mary G Show, which tackle issues within the Aboriginal communities. He was the keynote speaker at the 2007 Parliament House commemoration of Sorry Day in Canberra. In the same year, he was named West Australian of the Year.

### Dr. Chad Briggs

Dr. Chad Briggs is an Associate Research Fellow at the Institute for Environmental Security in Brussels and an Assistant Professor of International Relations at Lehigh University. He has published academic articles in *Environmental Politics*, the *Norwegian Journal of Geography*, and numerous other journals. His research focuses on environmental health assessments of post-war and post-disaster societies, and how to integrate risk analysis in foreign policy.

### His Eminence Metropolitan Jeremie Caligiorgis

Jeremie Caligiorgis is the presiding Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Switzerland, headquartered in Chambésy, Switzerland. His Eminence was ordained in 1964 in France. Following many years of service in France, he was named Metropolitan of Switzerland and Director of the Orthodox Center of the Ecumenical Patriarchy. He was Vice-President of the Conference of European Churches (1992-1997) and President of the Conference of European Churches (1997-2003). In January 2002 he was named by the President of France as a Knight of the Legion of Honor.

### Lillian Cingo

Lillian Cingo is Manager of Phelophepa, a train that offers public health services to rural South Africa. It was started by the Department of Optometry at Rand Afrikaans University in collaboration with Transnet to bring basic eye care to remote communities, while providing students with hands-on experience. By 1994 it had expanded to 13 carriages. The train, with a staff of 57 people, sees close to 45,000 patients a year. Dr. Cingo is widely recognized for her efforts and in 1998 received a Probe Dental Award from the British Dental Association. In 1999, she was nominated as Woman of the Year by the American Biographical Institute's *International Who's Who of Professional and Business Women*.

### Rob Corcoran

Rob Corcoran is the National Director of *Initiatives of Change* in the United States. He is also the founder of Hope in the Cities, a Richmond, Virginia-based initiative that works for just and inclusive communities through reconciliation among racial, ethnic and religious groups. He participated in the creation of a guide for racial dialogue for President Clinton's Initiative on Race. His book *Trustbuilders*, about three decades of



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work on race and community relations in Richmond and its relevance for other divided communities, will be published by University of Virginia Press in 2009. Rob is originally from Scotland.

### Dr. Cobus de Swardt

Dr. Cobus de Swardt has served as the Managing Director of Transparency International since 2007. He is a South African sociologist whose work experience spans the fields of globalization, development policy, international relations and multinational business management. His academic experience includes teaching at universities in South Africa, Australia, Japan and Germany. He has also worked for multinational corporations, trade unions and research institutes in managerial and research-related capacities in various countries. During the 1980s and early 1990s he was active in the anti-Apartheid struggle in South Africa, chairing the ANC in Cape Town.

### Sam Gbaydee Doe

Sam Doe is Advisor for Development and Reconciliation with the United Nations Country Team in Sri Lanka. He served in similar positions in Liberia and the Pacific Island States. Prior to joining the UN System, Sam served as founding Executive Director of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding, the largest civil society peace-building network in Africa. He later joined and chaired International Conflict and Security (INCAS) Consulting in London. Sam was a Caux Scholar in 1995 and subsequently returned to the Caux Scholars Program as faculty for 10 consecutive years after. He has lectured at numerous universities and international training institutions.

### Ridha Driss

Ridha Driss is a Tunisian businessman living in France. He is a political and social analyst of the Muslim Arab world, with a training in political philosophy and public law. He was General Secretary of the Arab Association for Human Rights in France and is former Chief Editor of *Al Insan* magazine. In 2002 he participated in the 'Caux Dialogue: Peace, Justice and Faith: An honest conversation among concerned Muslims and non-Muslims'.

### Dr. Scilla Elworthy

Dr. Scilla Elworthy founded the Oxford Research Group in 1982 to develop effective dialogue between nuclear weapons policy-makers worldwide and their critics. For this she was awarded the Niwano Peace Prize in 2003 and nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize. In 2003, she founded Peace Direct to fund, promote and learn from peace-builders in conflict areas. Peace Direct was named 'Best New Charity' at the Charity Awards 2005. Since 2005 she has been an adviser to The Elders initiative, and

in 2007 was appointed a member of the World Future Council and of the International Task Force on Preventive Diplomacy. Her most recent book is *Making Terrorism History*, co-authored with Gabrielle Rifkind.

### Dr. Ibrahima Fall

Ibrahima Fall was the UN Special Representative for the Great Lakes Region in Africa from 2002 to 2007. He served formerly as the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs and Human Rights at the United Nations and as Director of the Center for Human Rights in Geneva from 1992 to 1997. He was the Secretary-General of the United Nations World Conference on Human Rights, held in Vienna in 1993. Prior to his involvement with the UN, Dr. Fall held the posts of Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister for Higher Education in Senegal. He played a key role in drafting the *African Charter on Human and People's Rights* of the OAU.

### Hon. Yukihisa Fujita

Yukihisa Fujita is a Member of the House of Councillors (the upper house) in Japan. He is the shadow Vice-Minister of Defence of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ). Fujita is the Director of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence and is a lecturer at Seigakuin University. He served two terms in the House of Representatives. Fujita was the first Japanese coordinator of the Caux Round Table and was a director of the Association for Aid and Relief in Japan.

### Harriet Fulbright

Harriet Fulbright is the President of the J. William and Harriet Fulbright Center. From 1997 to 2000 she was the Executive Director of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. She served as 'unofficial ambassador' for the 50th anniversary of the Fulbright Program and traveled the world discussing the importance of international education exchange. She was the first Assistant Director of the Congressional Arts Caucus, and was later Executive Secretary of the International Congress of Art Historians at the National Gallery.

### Rajmohan Gandhi

Rajmohan Gandhi, writer, historian, and former member of the Indian Parliament, currently serves as Research Professor at the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. Author of several books, his new biography of his grandfather, the Mahatma, was awarded the prestigious Biennial Barpujari Award of the Indian History Congress in December 2007. In 1990, Gandhi led the Indian delegation to the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva. From 1992 to 2000 he

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was Research Professor at the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi. Gandhi has been associated with *Initiatives of Change* (formerly Moral Re-Armament) since 1956.

### Mario Giro

Mario Giro is the head of international relations for the Community of Sant'Egidio, a Roman Catholic fellowship of 70,000 people in 70 countries involved in service to one's neighbour, especially the most needy. They are united by the same spirituality: prayer, spreading of the Gospel, solidarity with the poor, ecumenism and interreligious dialogue, and a commitment for peace and justice. The Community is best known for its work of mediating the process of peace which led to the end of the civil war in Mozambique. Giro is co-author, with Marco Impagliazzo, of *Algeria held Hostage*.

### Luc Gnacadja

Luc-Marie Constant Gnacadja is the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). He served as Minister of the Environment, Housing, and Urban Planning in Benin from June 1999 to February 2005 and was the candidate of the Envol Movement in the March 2006 presidential election. He was awarded the 2002 Green Award by the World Bank in March 2003.

### Dr. Thomas Greminger

Ambassador Greminger is Head of Political Affairs Division IV: Human Security, of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, which he joined in 1990 after completing his PhD at the University of Zürich. In 1992, he joined the Swiss agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and in 1996 became Head of its Development and Research Policy division. He co-authored the Federal Council's North-South Guidelines. From 1999 to 2001, he was Chargé d'Affaires at the Swiss Embassy in Maputo and Director of Operations of the SDC in Mozambique.

### Ambassador Mohamed Guedira

Mohamed Guedira has served as the Ambassador of Morocco to Switzerland and Liechtenstein since 2003. He is a Council member for the Swiss Morocco Foundation for Sustainable Development and the Dean of the Bern-based African Diplomatic Corps. He previously served as the Ambassador of Morocco to Turkey (1991 to 1994) and to the European Union and Belgium (1994 to 1996). From 1996 to 2001, he was the Governor of the region of Rabat in Morocco. He is a former General Director of the Islamic Center for Development of Trade and Managing Director of the Moroccan Export Promotion Center.

### Dr. Barry Hart

Dr. Barry Hart is Professor of trauma, identity and conflict studies in the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University, Virginia, USA. Dr. Hart is also the Academic Director of the Caux Scholars Program, Caux, Switzerland. Barry has developed programs in trauma recovery, prejudice reduction, conflict transformation and peace-building in Northern Ireland, the former Yugoslavia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Burundi and Somaliland. He is editor and contributing author of *Peacebuilding in Traumatized Societies* (2008).

### Ambassador Hussein Hassouna

Ambassador Hassouna is the Chief Representative of the League of Arab States to the United States and serves on the International Law Commission. He formerly served as Ambassador of the League of Arab States to the United Nations (1997 to 2002). In Egypt, he served as Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs (1996 to 1997), Ambassador to Morocco (1992 to 1996) and Ambassador to Yugoslavia (1989 to 1992). He has been a member of the Egyptian delegation to Middle East negotiations in Cairo, Tel Aviv and Washington DC. Hassouna served as Director of Cabinet to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt from 1986 to 1989. He earned an LLB and PhD in International Law from Cambridge University.

### Dr. Christina Jones-Pauly

Chris Jones-Pauly is a senior program officer in the Rule of Law program at the U.S. Institute for Peace and directs the Sudan law program. She has headed evaluation teams for the United Nations Development Program in Asia and Africa on law reform, gender, human rights and indigenous legal systems, and for the European Commission Human Rights Foundation. She has taught at Harvard Law School, Oxford, the University of Nairobi, and the Universities of Bonn and Goettingen and holds advanced degrees in comparative law and public international law from the University of London (PhD SOAS), Harvard (JD), and the University of Goettingen.

### John Katunga

John Katunga is the Regional Technical Advisor for Peacebuilding and Justice in East Africa for Catholic Relief Services (CRS). He provides technical guidance and assistance to CRS in Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Eritrea. Before joining CRS, Katunga served as the Acting Executive Director of the Nairobi Peace Initiative Africa, a pan-African peace resource organization. He is a senior trainer at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and provides leadership training for government, military and police in his native Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and in Burundi.

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### Sabina Inderjit

Sabina Inderjit is Director of India News and Feature Alliance, India's leading news and feature agency. She has a diploma in journalism from the Indian Institute of Mass Communication and trained with the *Times of India* group. She served as a Member of the Press Council of India for two terms (1998-2004) and is an advocate for freedom of the press and journalists' rights. She is on the board of various journalist organizations, including the Indian Journalists' Union and the Brussels-based International Federation of Journalists. She enjoys writing primarily on social and political issues.

### Dr. Leonard Kapungu

Dr. Leonard Kapungu is from Zimbabwe and is a former head of the Centre for Peace Initiatives in Africa. He served as chief of political affairs for the United Nations peace keeping operations in Somalia in the 1990s.

### Gil Klein

A former President of the National Press Club (NPC) in Washington DC, Gil Klein currently works as an independent media consultant with the NPC on its Centennial Forum project. Klein formerly served as a News Service correspondent in Washington with Media General where he covered the White House, Supreme Court, Congress, political conventions and presidential campaigns. In 2005 he coordinated a multi-media project on the 40th anniversary of the Selma March and passage of the Voting Rights Act that won Media General's first D. Tennant Bryan Award for multi-media journalism.

### Geoffrey Lean

Geoffrey Lean is Environmental Editor of *The Independent on Sunday*. He has covered the environment and development for 38 years for *The Yorkshire Post*, *The Observer* and his current paper. He has been a consultant to many international organizations and has edited the UN Environment Programme's flagship magazine, *Our Planet*, since 1994. He is author of *Rich World, Poor World* (1978) and general editor of *Atlas of the Environment* (1990, 1992). His awards include runner up as Britain's Young Journalist of the Year (1972), the Communication Arts Award of Excellence (1986), Scoop of the Year in the London Press Club Awards (2000) and the Martha Gellhorn Award for investigative journalism (2002). He is the only journalist to have won the British Environment and Media Award's premier Awareness Award.

### A.R.K. Mackenzie

Archie Mackenzie was a British diplomat for 32 years, serving as Ambassador to Tunisia and as Minister to ECOSOC at the United Nations in New York. He was in the British

delegations at Dumbarton Oaks and in San Francisco where the ground work was laid for the United Nations. He served also as British representative on the Brandt Commission. He knew Frank Buchman, the initiator of *Initiatives of Change*, for over 20 years and has had a close association with its work since he was a student at Glasgow University.

### John Marks

John Marks is President and founder of Search for Common Ground, an international conflict prevention NGO headquartered in Washington DC and Brussels, with offices in 17 countries. He also founded and heads Common Ground Productions, which produces radio and television programming around the world to help prevent and transform conflict. He wrote and produced The Shape of the Future series of TV documentaries, which was aired simultaneously on Israeli, Palestinian and Arab satellite television, something that had never been done before. He is a best-selling, award-winning author and in 2006 was awarded a Skoll Fellowship for Social Entrepreneurship.

### Susan Collin Marks

Susan Collin Marks currently serves as the Executive Vice President of Search for Common Ground, a non-governmental organization with headquarters in Washington DC and Brussels. Marks is a South African who served as a peace builder under the auspices of the National Peace Accord during South Africa's transition from apartheid to democracy. Her book on the South African peace process, *Watching the Wind: Conflict Resolution during South Africa's Transition to Democracy*, was published in the United States and South Africa in 2000. She is a Senior Associate of the International Conflict Resolution Program at Columbia University and was a 1994-5 Jennings Randolph Peace Fellow at the United States Institute for Peace.

### Katherine Marshall

Katherine Marshall is a Senior Fellow at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, and Visiting Professor at Georgetown University in Washington DC. She has long experience on a wide range of development issues. At the World Bank (1971-2006), Ms Marshall focused on issues facing the world's poorest countries. She held a wide range of leadership positions and has led the World Bank's faith and ethics work since 2000. Ms. Marshall is part of the Council of 100, a World Economic Forum Initiative to advance understanding between the Islamic World and the West, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a Trustee of Princeton University. She is Executive Director of the World Faiths Development Dialogue.

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### Dr. Omnia Marzouk

Dr. Marzouk is a Consultant in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital Alder Hey, where she is the Clinical Director of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine, and Educational leader for the Liverpool School of Pediatrics. Marzouk is also the Deputy Regional Advisor in Pediatrics for the Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health in the UK. The daughter of an Egyptian ambassador, she was born in Spain, lived in Algeria and Egypt and completed her education in Australia. She was the first woman to receive the Hamilton Mott Scholarship at Sydney University and has been involved in many grass roots dialogues between people from different cultural and religious backgrounds.

### Brendan McAllister

Brendan McAllister is one of four Victims Commissioners on the Commission for Victims and Survivors created under legislation to promote interests of victims and survivors of the Northern Irish conflict. He is a former Director of the Belfast-based social enterprise, Mediation Northern Ireland, and has been involved in brokering peace between both parties involved in the conflict for many years and notes the important role of spirituality in conflict resolution and mediation.

### Alain Michel

Alain Michel is Founder and Director-General of Hommes de Parole, an independent, neutral instrument created to promote peace and dialogue. Hommes de Parole aims to develop awareness and stimulate people to shoulder responsibility for their future. Hommes de Parole has hosted several events including the World Congress of Imams and Rabbis for Peace (2005, 2006, 2008), an Alliance for a Culture of Peace in the Middle East (2003) and the First World Summit of Stars for Earth (2008). Alain Michel's publications include *Face of Peace* (2006); *Imams and Rabbis for Peace* (2005); *Le Divan de Marianne; Désaccord de Paix*; and *Iraq, la Faute* (1999).

### Joseph Montville

Joseph Montville served for 23 years as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service, mostly in the Middle East and North Africa. He founded and led the preventive diplomacy program at Washington's Center for Strategic and International Studies. He defined the concept of 'track two' diplomacy and has edited three books in the field. He currently directs two programs of the Esalen Institute, serves as Senior Adviser on Interfaith Relations at Washington National Cathedral and holds positions at two universities in the Washington area. In July 2008 the International Society of Political Psychology will present him the Nevitt Sanford Award 'for distinguished professional contribution to political psychology'.

### Florence Mpaayei

Florence Mpaayei is the Executive Director of the Nairobi Peace Initiative-Africa, and the East Africa regional initiator for the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict. She has extensive experience in conflict transformation training and facilitation, networking for peace, and in relief work. Her special interest is how conflict-affected women can be involved in community and national peace-building. Ms. Mpaayei holds a degree in Communication and Business Administration, and is trained in conflict transformation and peace-building in Africa and in the United States of America.

### Nithiyananthan Nesadurai

Nithiyananthan Nesadurai is President of the Environmental Protection Society Malaysia (EPSM). Under his leadership, EPSM has introduced processes such as Local Agenda 21, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), and Sustainability Reporting. In 2007, Nesadurai was part of EPSM's committee which introduced the concept of Ecological Footprint Analysis to Malaysia. Nesadurai has been attending the annual United Nations conference on climate change since 2000. He is the Editor of *Eco*, a newsletter published daily by the Climate Action Network. He is also the President of the Chevening Alumni of Malaysia.

### Matthew Neuhaus

Matthew Neuhaus is the Director of the Political Affairs Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat in London. He served as Senior Adviser to the Australian Prime Minister and Cabinet, Australian High Commissioner to Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone and The Gambia, and Counsellor at the Australian Mission to the United Nations in New York. He also served as Director of the United Nations and Commonwealth Section at the Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

### Dr. Syngman Rhee

Syngman Rhee is the Director of the Asian American Ministry and Mission Center at Union Theological Seminary/Presbyterian School in Richmond, Virginia. He formerly served as the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. In this capacity, he represented the church as its 'good-will ambassador', visiting congregations in the U.S. and the church's numerous overseas missions. He has made over 30 visits to North Korea in an effort to encourage reconciliation between the North and the South.

### Dick Ruffin

Dick Ruffin is the Executive Vice President of *Initiatives of Change International*. He was for 23 years Executive Director of *Initiatives of Change* in the United States. Earlier



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he served in the U.S. Navy and was a systems analyst on the staff of the Secretary of Defense. He was educated at Yale and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

### **Ambassador Mohamed Sahnoun**

Mohamed Sahnoun is President of *Initiatives of Change International*. He served as Deputy Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the League of Arab States and as Algeria's Ambassador to the United States, France, Germany and Morocco. He was a Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has represented the UN in various capacities since 1992. Among his assignments were Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Somalia and in the Great Lakes. He served on the International Council of the Earth Charter Initiative and on the World Commission on Environment and Development (the Brundtland Commission) and remains a strong advocate of sustainable development. He is a member of the boards of the University for Peace, the International Crisis Group and Interpeace.

### **Heribert Scharrenbroich**

Heribert Scharrenbroich is Chairman of CARE Germany. He served as the Assistant Director General and Head of the Regional Office of Europe and Central Asia at the International Labor Organization from 1996 to 2000. Scharrenbroich has held various positions in the German parliament, including Permanent State Secretary of the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs and Member of the German Federal Parliament serving on the Committee for Labor and Social Policy, the Committee for Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee for Human Rights and Humanitarian Help. Scharrenbroich also served as the General Secretary of the Christian Democratic Workers Movement of Germany from 1985 to 1994.

### **Dr. David H. Shinn**

David H. Shinn has been an Associate Professor of International Affairs at George Washington University in Washington DC, since his retirement from the U.S. Foreign Service. He served as the U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia from 1996 to 1999 and earlier as Ambassador to Burkina Faso. He has held numerous appointments in Africa. In Washington, he served as the Deputy Director of the Somali Task Force and Coordinator for Somalia in 1992 and 1993. He has won numerous Department of State awards and was honoured in 1994 as National Alumnus of the Year by the American Association of Community Colleges. Dr. Shinn received his PhD from George Washington University in 1980.

### **Rt. Hon. Clare Short**

Clare Short was Secretary of State for International Development in the UK from 1997 to May 2003. The Department for International Development (DFID) was a new

Ministry created after the 1997 general election to promote policies for sustainable development and the elimination of poverty. Of Irish ancestry, Ms Short was born in Birmingham and educated at the Universities of Keele and Leeds. She previously worked in the Home Office, as a Director of Youthaid and the Unemployment Unit. She was also a Director of AFFOR, a community based organization promoting racial equality in Birmingham. She entered the House of Commons in 1983 as Member for Birmingham Ladywood, a seat she has held since.

### **Dr. Margaret Smith**

Margaret Smith is a Scholar in Residence at the School of International Service (SIS) at American University, Washington DC, and a member of the SIS's faculty in International Peace and Conflict Resolution. She served formerly as the Academic Director of American University's Washington Semester Program in Peace and Conflict Resolution. Previously Dr. Smith was an associate of the Program on International Conflict Analysis and Resolution at Harvard and an adjunct Professor of Conflict Resolution at Holy Cross College in Massachusetts. She is the author of *Reckoning with the Past: Teaching History in Northern Ireland*. Before completing her PhD she worked with *Initiatives of Change* in the U.S., Europe, Papua New Guinea and Australia.

### **Cornelio Sommaruga**

Cornelio Sommaruga is a prominent Swiss humanitarian lawyer and diplomat. He was President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) from 1987 to 1999. Today, he chairs the International Center for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) in Geneva. He is active on a number of boards, including the International Cancer Foundation. He was President of *Initiatives of Change International* (2002 through 2006) and served for seven years on the *CAUX-Initiatives of Change* Foundation. He entered the Swiss diplomatic corps in 1959 and served in The Hague, Rome, Geneva and Bern. From 1984 to 1987, he was Undersecretary of State at the Office of Foreign Economic Affairs.

### **Matthias Stiefel**

Matthias Stiefel is a Vice Chairman of Interpeace (International Peacebuilding Alliance), formerly known as the War-Torn Societies Project (WSP). Mr. Stiefel was founder and Executive Director of WSP International from 1994 to 1998. Earlier, Mr. Stiefel worked with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Humanitarian Program. Mr. Stiefel has been a consultant and advisor for various international institutions. He is also founder and President of PeaceFunds.

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### Paul van Tongeren

Paul van Tongeren is the Secretary General of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, which aims to develop a common platform for effective action in conflict prevention. Regional consultations of civil society organizations offer opportunity to influence thinking on conflict prevention, clarify relations with the United Nations, consolidate networks and set regional agendas on conflict prevention, thus forming the basis for the global agenda. Mr. van Tongeren recently briefed the UN General Assembly on the Partnership's programme.

### Knut Vollebaek

Knut Vollebæk is a Norwegian diplomat and centrist politician (Christian People's Party). He was Foreign Minister of Norway from 1997 to 2000 and Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in 1999. He was appointed ambassador to the United States in 2001. His diplomatic experience includes assignments to New Delhi, Madrid, and Harare. He was Norwegian ambassador to Costa Rica in 1991-1993, and special envoy for development issues from 1994 until he became Foreign Minister. He served as a peace negotiator in the former Yugoslavia 1993-1995. Vollebaek was appointed OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities in 2007.

### Robert Webb

Bob Webb is a former Washington Bureau Chief, editorial writer and columnist for *The Cincinnati Enquirer*. He is the immediate past president of the Washington DC Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and a Vice President of the International Communications Forum (ICF). He received the George Washington Honor Medal for excellence in editorial writing from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and a citation for outstanding public affairs reporting from the American Political Science Association.

### Richard Werly

Richard Werly is the European Affairs correspondent of Swiss daily *Le Temps*. He was formerly foreign correspondent based in Bangkok and Tokyo. He has written numerous articles and is author of *Tsunami: La vérité humanitaire*.

### Adrien Zeller

Adrien Zeller has been President of the Regional Council of Alsace, France, since March 1996. Because of the region's history with Germany, Zeller is involved in cross border activities and intercultural dialogues. Zeller was a member of the French National Assembly from 1973 to 1998, and a member of the European Parliament from 1989 to 1992.