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The Congressional Bipartisan Task Force on Nonproliferation

The Bipartisan Task Force on Nonproliferation was formed in 1997 by Reps. Edward Markey (D-MA) and Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT) to provide a forum for the discussion of nonproliferation issues in the post-Cold War world.

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The following is a list of events sponsored or coordinated by the Task Force:



Rep. Markey at a Bipartisan Task Force on Nonproliferation Event on Space Weaponization, December 13, 2005. From left to right are: Michael Krepon, Ambassador Thomas Graham, Jr., Ambassador Robert Grey, Jr., Suzanne Spaulding, Jonathan Granoff and Rep. Markey.

- **Space Weaponization- Security and Proliferation Implications, Tuesday, December 13, 2005.** The Task Force, in collaboration with the Global Security Institute and the Henry L. Stimson Center hosted a discussion on space weaponization. After an introduction by Congressman Chris Shays, [Michael Krepon](#), an expert on space security and Ambassador [Thomas Graham, Jr.](#), an expert on arms control and non-proliferation, talked about the security risks of space weapons. Following their remarks, [Suzanne Spaulding](#) (Managing Director at the Harbour Group, LLC), [Jonathan Granoff](#) (President of the Global Security Institute) and Congressman Markey directed a discussion period.
 - [Link to Michael Krepon's Stimson Brief on Space Weapons](#)
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Rep. Markey, Frank Gaffney, Graham Allison and Rep. Shays at April 28, 2005 House Bi-Partisan Task Force on Nonproliferation Panel Discussion on the Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference.

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- **The Non-Proliferation Treaty: What is the fate of The Non-Proliferation Treaty at the Impending Seventh Review Conference?** Is the Treaty in danger of becoming obsolete, or can it be strengthened? Is the Treaty in danger of becoming obsolete, or can it be strengthened? Graham Allison, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy and Plans and Frank Gaffney, former Assistant Secretary for International Security Policy discussed the impact of international treaties on stemming nuclear proliferation and the relevance of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and how it can be strengthened, April 28, 2005.
- **A Nuclear Iranian State: U.S. International Policy Implications** Panel with David Albright and Dr. Kenneth Pollack, November 14, 2004.
- **Ambassador Henrik Salander Secretary General of the Hans Blix Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission, Ambassador Jonathan Dean, former U.S. representative to NATO-Warsaw Pact force reduction talks, and Dr. Ivan Oelrich of the Federation of American Scientists, discuss the proposals in President Bush's February 11, 2004 speech on WMD proliferation, April 27, 2004.**
- **Dr. Siegfried Hecker former director of Los Alamos National Lab, and Ambassador Charles "Jack" Pritchard, Special Envoy to North Korea under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, report "The Newest Nuclear News from North Korea", discussing their observations about plutonium reprocessing on their January 8, 2004 visit to the Nuclear Scientific Research Center in Yongbyon, North Korea. January 22, 2004.**
- **Jane Goodall, Ph.D., D.B.E., United Nations Ambassador of Peace, Michael Douglas, actor, producer, United Nations Ambassador of Peace, Ambassador Thomas Graham, Jr., former General Counsel at the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency discuss the "Limits of Unilateralism" in International Arms Control. October 6, 2003.**
- **Ambassador Thomas Graham, Jr. former General Counsel at the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, John Holum, former Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security in the Clinton administration, and Rose Gottemoeller, Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace discussed the status of arms control treaties, with specific focus on the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. June 18, 2003.**
- **Dr. George Perkovich, Vice President for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and David Albright, President of the Institute for Science and International Studies, discussed Iran, its nuclear technical capabilities and motivations for seeking nuclear weapons. April 3, 2003.**

- Ambassador Jim Leonard, former Head of the US Delegation to and lead negotiator of the creation of the BWC, Professor Barry Kellman, DePaul University College of Law, Director of the International Weapons Control Center, and Suzanne Spaulding, the chairperson of ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security discussed the Biological Weapons Convention on March 25, 2003. This event was done in conjunction with the Bipartisan Security Group.
- Michael Levi, Director of the Strategic Security Project at the Federation of American Scientists and Dr. Charles Ferguson, Scientist-in-Residence at the Monterey Institute of International Studies for Nonproliferation Studies discussed dirty bombs on March 3, 2002. Copies of both Mr. Levi's talk on the myths and realities of radiological devices and Dr. Ferguson's talk on the security risks of commercial radioactive sources are available.
- Robert Gallucci, Dean of Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and James Lilley, Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute "Spotlight on North Korea: Is U.S. Policy Working?", January 27, 2003.
- Admiral L. Ramdas, retired chief of the Indian Navy - Prospects for Peace in South Asia, February 25, 2002.
- Major General (Ret.) Vladimir Semyonovich Belous, a Professor at the Russian Military Sciences Academy and a veteran of the Soviet Union's elite nuclear-strike forces and Alexander Pikaev, Director of a Moscow Non-Proliferation Center and a military analyst with the Carnegie Endowment's Moscow office -- Russian government perspective on dealing nuclear weapons and the United States Nuclear Posture Review, January 28, 2002.
- Dr. Khidhir Hamza, former Iraqi nuclear weapons developer, and author of "Saddam's Bombmaker", December 12, 2001.
- Mr. R. James Woolsey, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency - an analysis of Osama bin Laden's ability to acquire a nuclear weapon or nuclear materials for use in a "dirty bomb." November 28, 2001.
- Dr. D.A. Henderson, smallpox expert and Director of the Office of Public Health Preparedness in the Department of Health and Human Services and Dr. Amy Smithson, Director of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Nonproliferation Project at the Henry L. Stimson Center- review of the national response to the anthrax attacks and the potential for the use of other biological agents, especially smallpox, November 15, 2001.
- Anthrax and biological weapons defense expert Dr. Kenneth Alibek - discussion of biological weapons threats and strategies to reduce and defend against them, October 16, 2001.
- Special presentation of the major motion picture "Thirteen Days" at the Library of Congress, followed by a panel discussion featuring former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, Roald Sagdeev, and Graham Allison. Sponsored by the Global Security Institute.
- Four briefings on Russian nuclear forces sponsored by the Russian-American Nuclear Security Advisory Council (RANSAC), including cooperative threat reduction programs and Russian nuclear cooperation with Iran and China.
- Symposium sponsored by Global Green USA on nuclear arms and nonproliferation, including a panel discussion featuring Mikhail Gorbachev, Strobe Talbott, Jack Matlock, Jonathan Schell, Peter Reddaway, and Representative John Spratt.
- Address by the Honorable Mikhail Gorbachev, former President of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, concerning the need to

reduce vertical and horizontal nuclear weapons proliferation worldwide.

- A "Codeword Clearance" briefing by the head of the Central Intelligence Agency's Office of Nonproliferation on China's nonproliferation record.
- A briefing on nonproliferation and nuclear security by Dr. Paul Robinson, Director of Sandia National Laboratories and negotiator on several arms control and reduction treaties.
- A roundtable discussion on Russian chemical weapons destruction given by Russian officials and scientists.
- A Capitol Hill Nonproliferation Technology Expo in March, 1998, featuring the technologies used to prevent, monitor and detect the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. The Expo drew more than 700 visitors and was covered by CNN, Good Morning America, and other media.

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