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SAN FRANCISCO--Former Canadian Prime Minister Kim Campbell has been appointed to the International Steering Committee of the Middle Powers Initiative (MPI), Senator Douglas Roche, MPI Chairman, announced today.

Ms. Campbell will chair an MPI Strategy Consultation at the United Nations, New York, October 3, and lead an MPI delegation of civil society leaders to meet with Canadian government officials in Ottawa October 29-30. Both events will deal with MPI's new Briefing Paper, "Priorities for Preserving the Non-Proliferation Treaty in the New Strategic Context."

The Middle Powers Initiative, formed in 1998 to encourage middle power governments to press for nuclear disarmament negotiations, is a program of the Global Security Institute (GSI), whose president is Jonathan Granoff.

Ms. Campbell served as Canada's 19th and first woman Prime Minister. She previously held several cabinet portfolios and was the first woman to be Defense Minister of a NATO country. She is Visiting Professor of Practice at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She is also Executive Vice-President of the International Women's Forum, a global organization of women of significant and diverse achievements.

Two other international figures will also join the MPI International Steering Committee: Nick Dunlop, former Executive Director of Earth Action and currently Director of the e-Parliament initiative; and Aaron Tovish, a member of the Earth Action International Board of Directors and an internationally recognized leader in the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation field.

"The skills of all three leaders will boost the profile and effectiveness of MPI's Track II diplomatic effort to work for the elimination of nuclear weapons," Mr. Granoff said.

Senator Roche and Mr. Granoff also welcomed Dr. Urs



Cipolat, a Swiss expert on weapons non-proliferation and military export controls, to the GSI staff in San Francisco. Dr. Cipolat, a multilingualist who holds a doctorate in law from Yale Law School, will manage MPI's operations.

Senator Roche also announced that Rob Green and Kate Dewes of New Zealand had stepped down from MPI's International Steering Committee but will continue to work on MPI's Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament. Commander Green is the author of "The Naked Nuclear Emperor," and several other works. Dr. Dewes is a member of the U.N. Study on Disarmament Education.

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[Middle Powers Initiative](#)

The Middle Powers Initiative has released its August Briefing Paper: "Priorities for Preserving the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in the New Strategic Context." It is currently being circulated to the Foreign Ministers of key middle power countries and their Permanent Missions at the United Nations in New York. It will be delivered to members of the US Congress later this fall.

[View the MPI Briefing Paper.](#)



Number of nuclear weapons in the world: 30,000 \*  
 8 countries (US, Russia, China, Great Britain, France, Pakistan, India and Israel) posses nuclear weapons.  
 Several thousand of these weapons can still reach the US within 30 minutes of launch.



Number of countries capable of developing nuclear weapons: 44  
 44 countries have access to the fissile material and technology to build nuclear weapons. With the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty jeopardized, nuclear weapons could quickly spread.

Pounds of existing Russian weapons-grade fissile material: 2,360,000\*  
 Much of this material is vulnerable to theft or diversion by potential terrorists or hostile organizations.

Pounds of fissile material necessary to build a crude nuclear bomb: 50  
 As little as 50 pounds of plutonium is needed to build a bomb. A missile is not needed to deliver such a device; a tugboat or truck could be used.

Casualties of a crude nuclear bomb attack on San Francisco: 60,000-400,000  
 Top military experts predict that a nuclear device will explode in a major US city in the next five years if more is not done to prevent it.

Number of accidents, false alarms, and malfunctions involving nuclear weapons according to the US Dept. of Defense: 563

Several of the accidents put us on the brink of accidental nuclear war.

Dollars the US spends per day on maintaining its nuclear arsenal: \$100 Million

In comparison, the International Atomic Energy Agency spends only \$100 million per year to safeguard nuclear materials worldwide.

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Dr. Urs Ciplat has recently joined the San Francisco office of the Global Security Institute as a Program Manager. Urs is a native of Switzerland who brings eight years of activist and scholarly experience in the international peace and security field. As an activist, he lobbied on behalf of the Association for the Prevention of Torture for a Protocol Additional to the UN Convention against Torture. He also wrote an Amicus Brief for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and helped the World Without War Council develop educational materials to strengthen civil society. As a scholar, Urs conducted doctoral studies and published several papers on weapons nonproliferation and military export controls. His activist and scholarly inclinations converge in regular op-ed contributions on US foreign policy and in his teaching.



He is currently a lecturer at UC Berkeley, and holds a J.S.D. from Boalt Hall at Berkeley, a LL.M from Yale Law School, and has also studied at the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University and Fribourg University Law School in Switzerland, where he received his J.D. He is fluent in German, French, Italian and English, and is proficient in Spanish.

Urs will be working, among other things, on the Middle Powers Initiative, a principal program of the Global Security Institute.

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