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Nothing But Trouble
By John Holum
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The Bipartisan Security Group (BSG) educates political leaders about the importance of preserving and strengthening arms control treaties in pursuit of nonproliferation and disarmament. BSG member John Holum, former Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, published the following article in today's International Herald Tribune.

WASHINGTON--Even as U.S. forces struggle to consolidate victory in a war justified largely to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons, the White House is preparing to build and test new nuclear weapons for America's own arsenal.

[Read the FULL ARTICLE.](#)

WASHINGTON, DC—The Bipartisan Security Group organized a Capitol Hill panel discussion on biological weapons dangers. It was hosted by the Congressional Bipartisan Task Force on Non-Proliferation on March 25. Congressmen Ed Markey (D-MA) and Chris Shays (R-CT) later sent letters to Administration officials including John Ashcroft, Condoleeza Rice, Tom Ridge and Tommy Thompson, calling for specific policies to strengthen the legal prohibitions related to biological weapons.



[Read the LETTERS to Ashcroft, Rice, Ridge and Thompson.](#)

UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA—United Nations Under-Secretary-General Jayantha Dhanapala challenged delegates of the 188 States parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty to "exorcise the ghost of nuclear apartheid," during a keynote address organized by GSI's Middle Powers Initiative. Chaired by Jonathan Granoff, the event included presentations by Ambassador Laszlo Molnar, Chair of the NPT conference, and Senator Douglas Roche.



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[Read Ambassador Dhanapala's FULL REMARKS.](#)

UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA—Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada, chaired a consultation with experts and ambassadors from more than 20 key countries on the eve of a two-week United Nations preparatory committee meeting of diplomats to assess the status of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The consultation, organized by GSI's Middle Powers Initiative, focused on strategies to advance a program of 13 practical disarmament steps that all NPT member states agreed to in 2000. Dr. Tadatoshi Akiba, Mayor of Hiroshima, delivered a stirring call for the abolition of nuclear weapons.



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SAN FRANCISCO—"Vision and Voice," a new GSI short film, celebrated its debut at San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel during the April 12th Alan Cranston Peace Award Ceremony, which honored Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. The 400 guests at the gala, including actors Pierce Brosnan and Peter Coyote, praised the video as one of the highlights of the evening. The fast paced and informative six minute film is now available to download and share from the Global Security Institute website (<http://www.gsinstitute.org/about>).



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"We are all very grateful to the Global Security Institute for leading the effort to reduce and eliminate nuclear dangers." --Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi



GSI's 2003 Action Plan includes:

- (1) delegations of experts to persuade governments to promote policies consistent with the elimination of nuclear weapons;
- (2) action-oriented international disarmament forums, including one for parliamentarians in Vancouver; and
- (3) educational initiatives on Capitol Hill promoting nonproliferation and disarmament legal regimes.

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