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About the Global Security Institute Mission and Overview

Mission & Overview

The Global Security Institute (www.gs institute.org)ⁱ was founded in October of 1999 by Senator Alan Cranston (1914-2000) to continue and institutionalize a lifetime of dedicated work toward the elimination of nuclear weapons. He believed that nuclear weapons are impractical, unacceptably risky, and unworthy of civilization. His vision continues to inspire GSI's efforts to contribute to a safer world.

The Global Security Institute is dedicated to strengthening international cooperation and security based on the rule of law with a particular focus on nuclear arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament. GSI has developed an exceptional team that includes former heads of state and government, distinguished diplomats, effective politicians, committed celebrities, religious leaders, Nobel Peace Laureates, disarmament and legal experts, and concerned citizens.

The Global Security Institute works through four results-oriented programs.

Programs

Constituencies

Bipartisan Security Group (BSG)

Members of Congress and their staff

Disarmament & Peace Education (DPE)

Citizens and leaders in the global community

Middle Powers Initiative (MPI)*

Heads of Government, diplomats and other officials around the world

Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament (PNND)

Legislators around the world

"Middle powers" are politically and economically significant countries that have renounced nuclear arms. They serve as a bridge to influence nuclear armed countries to keep treaty promises and reduce nuclear dangers. MPI works closely with several "middle power" governments including Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, and Sweden.

Bipartisan Security Group Mission and Overview

The Bipartisan Security Group (BSG) is dedicated to providing reliable information and analysis of global security issues to Members of Congress and their staff, with an emphasis on arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament.

The Bipartisan Security Group consists of Republican and Democratic experts with experience in diplomacy, law, intelligence and military affairs. BSG is directed and chaired on Capitol Hill by veteran diplomats Ambassador Robert T. Grey, Jr. and Ambassador Thomas Graham, Jr.ⁱⁱ

Middle Powers Initiative Mission and Overview

The Middle Powers Initiative (MPI) is dedicated to the worldwide reduction and elimination of nuclear weapons, in a series of well-defined stages accompanied by increasing verification and control.

Through the Middle Powers Initiative, seven international non-governmental organizations are able to work primarily with "middle power" governments to encourage and educate the nuclear weapons states to take immediate practical steps that reduce nuclear dangers, and commence negotiations to eliminate nuclear weapons.

Middle power countries are politically and economically significant, internationally respected countries that have renounced the nuclear arms race, a standing that gives them significant political credibility.

The campaign is guided by an International Steering Committee, chaired by Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C., former Canadian Disarmament Ambassador.ⁱⁱⁱ

Disarmament and Peace Education Mission and Overview

The Disarmament and Peace Education (DPE) is intended for people who care about eliminating nuclear weapons and want to become involved, but feel they need to learn more about the issues before taking the next step.

Through the DPE program, we also encourage new leadership and promote new thinking on nuclear weapons elimination through innovative educational activities. GSI collaborates with prominent leaders in other fields, including Nobel Peace Laureates, religious leaders, military experts, students, scientists and environmentalists. Through special events, reports and educational materials, GSI encourages others to incorporate nuclear abolition advocacy into their own important activities. GSI has successfully built a community of common purpose across a diverse spectrum of leadership by positioning global security as a collective human agenda.

Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament Mission and Overview

The Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament (PNND)^{iv} is dedicated to providing parliamentarians worldwide with up to date information on nuclear weapons policies and to helping parliamentarians become engaged in nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament initiatives.

PNND is a non-partisan forum for parliamentarians, nationally and internationally, to share resources and information, develop cooperative strategies and engage in nuclear disarmament issues, initiatives and arenas. It is a program of the Global Security Institute and is guided by the steering committee of the Middle Powers Initiative.

Parliamentarians, because of their close relationship to constituents and their connections with parliamentary colleagues worldwide, have a crucial role to play in crafting policies that meet the security needs of the citizens of their countries, regions and the world.

PNND helps parliamentarians play this role more effectively by providing them with:

- Information on nuclear disarmament issues and on international events including United Nations disarmament meetings
- Samples of parliamentary resolutions, motions, questions and legislation from around the world
- Contacts with parliamentary colleagues in other countries with whom to share information and ideas
- A forum for developing joint strategies between parliaments
- Links with disarmament experts

PNND currently has over 500 parliamentary members from 50 countries.

Key Staff Biographies

ⁱ GSI President: Jonathan Granoff, also serves as Senior Advisor of the American Bar Association's Committee on Arms Control and National Security. He is Vice President of the NGO Committee on Disarmament at the UN, and serves on numerous governing and advisory boards including the Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy, the Lawyers Alliance for World Security, the Jane Goodall Institute, the Bipartisan Security Group, and the Middle Powers Initiative. Mr. Granoff has lectured worldwide emphasizing the legal, ethical and spiritual dimensions of human development and security, with a specific focus on the threats posed by nuclear weapons. He is an award-winning screenwriter, and has been featured in more than 30 publications. He has practiced law in Philadelphia as an individual practitioner, in several medium sized firms, and as in-house counsel in a public company. He chaired the special session on Terrorism and Threats to Humanity at the Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates in Rome in 2004 where he represented the International Peace Bureau, a Nobel Peace Laureate organization.

ⁱⁱ BSG Director: Ambassador Robert T. Grey, Jr. was the former US Representative to the Conference on Disarmament. Prior to heading the US delegation, Ambassador Grey led the State Department UN Reform Team. He was Counselor for Political Affairs for the US Mission to the UN in New York from 1989 to 1994, and acting Deputy Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency from 1981 to 1983. Before holding these posts, Ambassador Grey was the Political-Military Affairs Bureau's Deputy Office Director in the Office of Military Sales and Assistance and the Executive Assistant to the Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs. He holds a BA from Dartmouth College and a JD from the University of Michigan.

BSG Chair: Ambassador Thomas Graham, Jr., a senior U.S. diplomat, was involved in the negotiation of every major international arms control and nonproliferation agreement of the past 30 years. As President Clinton's Special Representative for Arms Control, Non-proliferation and Disarmament, he led the successful U.S. government effort to indefinitely extend the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. He is currently the Chairman of the Cypress Fund for Peace and Security.

ⁱⁱⁱ MPI Chairman: Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C., author, parliamentarian and diplomat, Douglas Roche was appointed to the Senate of Canada on September 17th, 1998. Previously, he was elected to the Canadian Parliament four times, serving from 1972 to 1984 and specializing in development and disarmament. Senator Roche was Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament from 1984 to 1989. In 1988, he was elected Chairman of the United Nations Disarmament Committee. Senator Roche is the author of seventeen books, including "The Human Right to Peace" (Novalis, 2003). He is affiliated with numerous non-governmental organizations, including the Middle Powers Initiative and the Canadian Pugwash, both of which he is presently chairing. Senator Roche has received numerous awards and honors for his worldwide peace and disarmament work, among them the Papal Medal, the United Nations Association's Medal of Honor, and six Honorary Doctorates. He is a member of the Order of Canada and a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great at the Holy See.

^{iv} PNND Global Coordinator: Alyn Ware previously served as Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy and the UN Coordinator for the World Court Project, which led the effort to achieve a ruling from the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons. In addition to his numerous leadership positions within the peace and security field, he is co-author with Merav Datan of "Security and Survival: The Case for a Nuclear Weapons Convention", and with Annie Doherty of "Our Planet in Every Classroom", and has written numerous articles.