GLOBAL SECURITY AND HUMAN SECURITY

PRESENTATION TO THE ECONOMISTS FOR PEACE AND SECURITY (EPS) CONFERENCE ON THE ECONOMICS OF PEACE AND SECURITY: WAR AND POVERTY, PEACE AND PROSPERITY

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ISSUES ADDRESSED

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1. THREATS TO THE CURRENT GLOBAL SYSTEM

• PARALLELS BETWEEN TODAY AND 1913

• FOUR BLOWS THAT ENDED THE EARLIER PERIOD OF GLOBALIZATION 1815-1914:
  - WORLD WAR I
  - SPANISH FLU PANDEMIC
  - GREAT DEPRESSION
  - WORLD WAR II

• COULD REPEAT TODAY - SANTAYANA, 1905
2. THE NATURE OF GLOBAL SECURITY

• “GLOBAL SECURITY” AS THE ABSENCE OF THREATS TO THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE PLANET (INTRILIGATOR, 1994 CMPS)

• IDEA MUST EXTEND WELL BEYOND TRADITIONAL MILITARY DIMENSION TO ALSO ENCOMPASS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND OTHER POSSIBLE THREATS
3. THE NATURE OF HUMAN SECURITY

• “HUMAN SECURITY” AS THE ABSENCE OF THREATS TO THE VITAL INTERESTS OF INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS

• UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: “FREEDOM FROM PERVERSIVE THREATS TO PEOPLE’S RIGHTS, SAFETY OR LIVES.

• TWO CONCEPTS OF SECURITY AS COMPLEMENTARY, MUTUALLY REINFORCING
4. CURRENT THREATS TO WORLD PEACE

• INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM
• CIVIL WARS AND COMMUNAL CONFLICT
• INTERNATIONAL WARS
• GENOCIDE
• PROLIFERATION OF WMD
• INITIATION OF WARS BY THE U.S.
• U.S. DEFENSE SPENDING,
  ESTABLISHMENT OF BASES WORLDWIDE, DOCTRINE ON USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
5. SPECIAL THREATPOSED BY U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY UNDER THE BUSH DOCTRINE

- CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS IN 2002 REPRESENTING A DISCONTINUOUS SEA CHANGE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM
- DOCTRINE OF PREEMPTION
- POSSIBLE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BREAKING THE LONG-STANDING TABOO
- ALLOWS FOR POSSIBLE FIRST-STRIKE ATTACK ON ADVERSARY’S WMD
- GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR; AFGHANISTGAN AND IRAQ INVASIONS AS FIRST STEPS
6. SOME PROPOSALS TO SECURE THE WORLD SYSTEM

• NEED TO CREATE A NEW GLOBAL SYSTEM, RETHINKING ALL OF OUR CURRENT SYSTEMS OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE
• NEED FOR CLOSE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN GLOBAL DECISION MAKING
• MUST PROHIBIT PREEMPTION WITH STRONG SANCTIONS AGAINST ITS USE
• A SYSTEM OF GLOBAL SECURITY RATHER THAN ONE WITH THE U.S. AS A HEGEMONIC GLOBAL POWER