

# **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**

- 1. THREATS TO THE CURRENT GLOBAL SYSTEM**
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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 PERVASIVE 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 THREAT POSED 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; AFGHANISTAN 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**