

CARNEGIE COMMISSION ON PREVENTING DEADLY CONFLICT

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Gro Harlem Brundtland

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Dear Colleague:

Gareth Evans

I am pleased to send you the final report of the Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict. I also enclose several related press items and a list of some highlights.

Alexander L. George

David A. Hamburg

Co-chair

The report analyzes the current state of violent conflict in the world and lays out the Commission's vision of an international system of conflict prevention. Three fundamental observations form the foundation of the report: Deadly conflict is not inevitable; the need to prevent such conflict is increasingly urgent; and successful prevention is possible.

Flora MacDonald

Donald F. McHenry

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David Owen

Shridath Ramphal

Inspired by the public health model of disease prevention, the Commission outlines practical measures to prevent deadly conflict that can be used by governments, international organizations, and various elements of the private sector—nongovernmental organizations, religious leaders and institutions, the media, and business. For conditions that have become dangerous, the commission outlines options for early action to prevent mass violence. The report concludes by challenging the international community to create a "culture of prevention" that can become a commonplace of everyday life.

Roald Z. Sagdeev

John D. Steinbruner

Brian Urquhart

Cyrus R. Vance

Co-chair

Carnegie Corporation of New York established the Commission in 1994 to address the looming threats to world peace of intergroup violence and to advance new ideas for the prevention and resolution of deadly conflict. The Commission is composed of 16 eminent policymakers and scholars, among them the former prime minister of Norway, Gro Harlem Brundtland, seven former foreign ministers, and former UN officials, all with long experience in conflict resolution and peacekeeping.

John C. Whitehead

Sahabzada Yaqub-Khan

We invite your reactions to the final report and welcome requests for other Commission reports which are listed in appendix 4. Please note that all Commission reports, including the final report are available on the World Wide Web at www.ccpdc.org, and that they can be ordered by e-mail at cdc@carnegie.org.

Sincerely,

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Final Report
With Executive Summary

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