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Address: 434 Galvez Mall, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-6010, USA.

Website: <http://www.hoover.org>

Director: John Raisian.

Human Rights Watch

Founded 1978. Non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world. Research topics include: arms; children's rights; counterterrorism; disability rights; health; international justice; migrants; press freedom; refugees; terrorism; torture; women's rights.

Address: 2nd Floor, 2–12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9HF, UK.

Website: <http://www.hrw.org>

Executive Director: Kenneth Roth.

International Crisis Group

Founded 1995. Independent, non-profit organization committed to preventing and resolving deadly conflict. Combines field-based analysis, policy advice and high-level advocacy to highlight potential future conflicts, resolve peace negotiations and advise governments and intergovernmental bodies.

Address: 149 avenue Louise, Level 24, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium.

Website: <http://www.crisisgroup.org>

President: Louise Arbour.

International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

Founded 1958. Independent organization, considered the world's leading authority on political-military conflict. Research programme themes: conflict; defence and military analysis; economics and conflict resolution; non-proliferation and disarmament; transnational threats and international political risk; transatlantic dialogue on climate change and security.

Address: Arundel House, 13–15 Arundel St., Temple Place, London WC2R 3DX, UK.

Website: <http://www.iiss.org>

Director-General: Dr John Chipman.

Kiel Institute for the World Economy (Institut für Weltwirtschaft an der Universität Kiel; IfW)

Founded 1914. Independent, international centre for research in global economic affairs, economic policy consulting, economic education and documentation. Research areas: the global division of labour; knowledge creation and growth; the environment and natural resources; poverty reduction, equity and development; monetary policy under market imperfections; financial markets and macroeconomic activity; reforming the welfare society.

Address: Hindenburgufer 66, 24105 Kiel, Germany.

Website: <http://www.ifw-kiel.de>

President: Prof. Dennis Snower.

Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung)

Founded in 1955 as the Society for Christian Democratic Civic Education and renamed in 1964. Political foundation that focuses

on consolidating democracy, the unification of Europe and the strengthening of transatlantic relations, as well as on development co-operation.

Address: Klingelhöferstrasse 23, 10785 Berlin, Germany;

Rathausallee 12, 53757 Sankt Augustin, Germany.

Website: <http://www.kas.de>

Chairman: Dr Hans-Gert Pötering.

Lowy Institute for International Policy

Founded 2003. Independent think tank that seeks to generate new ideas and dialogue on international developments and Australia's role in the world. Research ranges across all the dimensions of international policy debate in Australia—economic, political and strategic—and is not limited to a particular geographic region.

Address: 31 Bligh St., Sydney, NSW 2000, Australia.

Website: <http://www.lowyinstitute.org>

Executive Director: Michael Wesley.

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

Founded 1920. Private, non-profit, non-partisan research organization dedicated to promoting a greater understanding of how the economy works. Concentrates on four types of empirical research: developing new statistical measurements, estimating quantitative models of economic behaviour, assessing the economic effects of public policies and projecting the effects of alternative policy proposals.

Address: 1050 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138-5398, USA.

Website: <http://www.nber.org>

President: James Poterba.

Netherlands Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael'

Non-profit, independent think tank for international relations. Identifies and analyses emerging political and social developments for the benefit of government and the general public. Programme concentrations: diplomatic studies; European studies; security and conflict; international energy.

Address: Clingendael 7, 2597 VH The Hague, Netherlands.

Website: <http://www.clingendael.nl>

Director: Prof. Dr Jaap (J. W.) de Zwaan.

Open Society Institute

Founded in 1993 by investor and philanthropist George Soros to support his foundations in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The Open Society Foundations work to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens. Key issues: education and youth; governance and accountability; health; media and arts; rights and justice.

Address: 400 West 59th St., New York, NY 10019, USA.

Website: <http://www.soros.org>

Chairman: George Soros.

Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

Founded 1959. Independent research institute that aims to promote peace through conflict resolution, dialogue and reconciliation, public information and policy-making activities. Research programmes: conflict resolution and peacebuilding;