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PARTICIPANTS' SHORT BIOGRAPHIES

Piero Bassetti (Milan, 1928) – He graduated in Business and Economics from Bocconi University, Milan and perfected his studies at Cornell University, subsequently specialising in Economic Sciences at the London School of Economics.

Board member and Councillor at Milan Town Council from 1956 to 1967, he was the first President of the Regional Council of Lombardy from 1970 to 1974. Member of Parliament from 1976 to 1982, he was also the President of the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture in Milan (1982-1997) as well as President of the Union of Italian Chambers of Commerce (1983-1992). From 1993 to 1999 he was the President of the Association of Chambers of Commerce Abroad (CCIEE). Currently President of the Director's Board of the ASERI - School of Economics and International Relation). He is also President of Globus et Locus, an association of institutions whose objective is to analyse global and local relations and President of the Italian Group of the Trilateral Commission. Author of numerous political essays and economic studies, he has written, together with Giacomo Corna Pellegrini, "Le Redini del Potere" (Ceschina, 1959), "Occidente Scomodo" (Vallecchi, 1978), "Italia si è rotta", (Laterza, 1996), "Globali e locali!" a cura di Sergio Roic (Giampiero Casagrande).

Alexander Bessmertnykh (Siberia, 1933) – Former Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, he joined the diplomatic service in 1957. From 1970 to 1983, he was Adviser and Minister Adviser at the Soviet Embassy in the United States, and he subsequently led the U.S. Department of the Foreign Ministry. In 1986 he became Deputy Foreign Minister and in 1988 First Deputy Foreign Minister. In 1990-91 he served as Ambassador to the United States, and in 1991 was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs: he was the first Soviet Foreign Minister to visit Israel as he met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister David Levy. In 1992 he was elected President of the Foreign Policy Association, and in May 1993 elected the Chairman of the World Council of Former Foreign Ministers. As Ph.D in International Law, he is presently Professor at the Moscow University and at the New Russian University, Member of the Russian Academy of Social Sciences and Corresponding Member of the Academy of Political, Social and Humanitarian Sciences of Chile. He is also the Chairman of Supervisory Board of the "Advanced Technology Research Programs Foundation".

Pascal Boniface (Paris, 1956) – Founder and Director of IRIS (Institute for International and Strategic Relations), he is also a consultant on strategic issues for the French Department of Defence and French State Department. He is Professor of International Relations at the *Institut d'Etudes européennes* (Institute for European Studies), University of Paris-8, and Director of the cycles of studies of the international questions in the IRIS/IPRIS. He is also Director of the quarterly journal *La revue internationale et stratégique* (International and Strategic Review) since 1991, and Editor of the yearbook *L'Année stratégique* (Strategic Yearbook) since 1985. Dr. Boniface has published or edited more than forty books dealing with International Relations, Nuclear Deterrence and Disarmament, European Security, French

International Policy and Sport in the International Relations. He makes frequent contributions on International Policy for reviews on geopolitics and for national and international media.

Lakdar Brahimi (Algeria, 1934) – From 1956 to 1961, during Algeria's independence struggle, Mr Brahimi was the National Liberation Front (FLN) representative in South-East Asia, resident in Jakarta. From 1963 to 1970, he was Ambassador to Egypt and Permanent Representative to the Arab League in Cairo, and then served as Ambassador to the UK (1971-1979). Mr. Brahimi was Diplomatic Adviser to the President of Algeria from 1982 to 1984, when he became Under-Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and from 1989 to 1991, served as Special Envoy of the Arab League Tripartite Committee to Lebanon, mediating the end of the civil war in that country. Minister for Foreign Affairs of Algeria from 1991 to 1993, he served as Rapporteur to the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development (the Earth Summit) in Rio de Janeiro. He was then UN Secretary-General's Special Representative in South Africa (1993-1994), Haiti (1994-1996), and Special Envoy to a number of countries, including Zaire, Yemen, Liberia, Nigeria and Sudan. Mr. Brahimi was also Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Afghanistan from 1997 to 1999 and Special Representative and Head of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan from 2001 to 2004. In 2004 and 2005 he was Special Adviser of the Secretary-General in New York. He is at present a visiting scholar at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton.

Mercedes Bresso (Sanremo, 1944) – President of the Piedmont Region since April 2005, she is also member of the Regions Committee, the Parliament of European Local Powers. In June 2004 she was elected Member of the European Parliament. From 1995 to 2004, she was President of the Province of Turin and President of the Union of Piedmont Provinces. Mrs. Bresso is a Professor of Economics at the Turin Polytechnic, she has taught in Pavia, Udine, and at Turin University. Mrs Bresso is an expert in environmental economics, which she has taught in various universities and courses in Italy and abroad, and the author of books and essays. She has also worked in the field of agrarian economics and tourist economics. She has filled the position of President of the World Federation of United Cities, of the World Coordination of the City Associations (CAMVAL) and of METREX, the Network of European Metropolitan Areas. She has been President of the Piedmont Committee for the European Constitution and chairperson for the Franco Italian Alps Conference (CAFI). From 1985 to 1995 Mrs. Bresso was Piedmont Regional Advisor, and in 1994/95 she worked as Regional Councillor for Territorial Planning and Parks.

Anna Caffarena (Turin, 1963) – Professor of International Relations at Turin University, lecturer for the Master on Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Intervention of Turin University. With Prof. Fabio Armao she is in charge of the Global Politics Lab of Turin's Luigi Einaudi Research Centre, a private, non-profit research centre. Member of the Editorial Board of «Teoria Politica», since January 2005 she is editor of «Biblioteca della Libertà». She is also member of the Executive Board of the Italian Society of Political Science - Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) and member of the Steering Committee of ECPR's (European Consortium for Political Research) Standing Group of International Relations. Her main research interest is focused on the nature and evolution of multilateralism.

Giulietto Chiesa (Acqui Terme, 1940) – Member of the European Parliament since 2004 and Vice-Chairman of the Committee on International Trade, he is one of the most famous Italian journalists and author of several books of political content, many of which regarding the Russian transition to democracy. For twenty years correspondent from Moscow for the national newspapers *L'Unità* (1980-1990) and *La Stampa* (1990-2000), he presently is one of the most prestigious columnists. Among his last books he published *Superclan* (Feltrinelli, 2003), *The Infinite War* (Feltrinelli, 2002), *Afghanistan Anno Zero* (Guerini, 2001) and *Genova-G8* reportage on the facts of Genoa, published by Einaudi in 2001. In 2002 he received the Prize Culture of Peace.

Michael Cox – Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics, he is also Associate Research Fellow at Chatham House and Chair of United States Discussion Group at the Royal Institute of Affairs. His areas of expertise are in the foreign policy of the US and American grand strategy. He is also concerned with Britain and the US, world politics after 11 September, the trans-Atlantic relationship in crisis, the history of the Cold War and post-Cold War international relation

Troy Davis (Strasbourg, 1962) – Schooled internationally in France, Switzerland, Italy and the US, he studied Physics and Anthropology at Harvard University after working with the pioneer of gravitational wave detection. After a stint on Wall Street as an “intrapreneur”, he cofounded the International Network for Environmental Management (INEM) and for 7 years worked as an environmental management expert, advising companies, governments and international bodies (ISO, UNIDO, UNCTAD, OECD, China). He became President of the World Citizen Foundation in 1999 and launched the World Democracy Campaign based on the equal human dignity of all. As an applied philosopher operationalizing philosophical principles into concrete democratic processes to solve complex problems, in 2002, he invented the theory and method of “democracy engineering” and in 2004 created the first independent democracy engineering consultancy, as well as the association to create the first university-level interdisciplinary School of Democracy. He is or was member of several boards (e.g. World Democracy Movement, ECO-Conseil-European Institute for Environmental Counseling, European Federalist Union).

Georges Estievenart (Limoges, 1943) – Civil servant and then high official at the European Commission in Brussels between 1974 and 1994, he prepared and implemented in particular the first emergency humanitarian plan of the European Community in Nicaragua (1979-1981). From 1986 to 1994 he was in charge of the drugs coordination in the European Commission and he prepared, negotiated and implemented the creation of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction in Lisbon. He was then (1994-2004) the Founding Executive Director of this European Union Agency. Since 2005 he is a Senior Researcher and Lecturer at the University of Westminster (European Affairs) and at the University of Paris II (Drugs and Organised Criminal Flows).

Amitai Etzioni (Koln, 1929) – He served as Professor of Sociology at Columbia University for 20 years. In 1980, Etzioni was named the first University Professor at The George Washington University, where he was the Director of the *Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies*. In 1990, he founded the *Communitarian Network*, a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to shoring up the moral, social and political foundations of society. He was the editor of *The Responsive Community: Rights and Responsibilities*, the organization's quarterly journal, from 1991-2004. In 1991, the press began referring to Etzioni as the ‘guru’ of the communitarian movement. His most recent books are *My Brother's Keeper: A Memoir and a Message* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2003), and *From Empire to Community: A New Approach to International Relations* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004).

Richard Falk (New York, 1930) – Albert G. Milbank Professor of International Law Emeritus at Princeton University and since 2002 Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara. He is a prolific writer, speaker, and global activist, as well as author or editor of more than 40 books, among them *Crimes of War, Revolutionaries and Functionaries, The War System, A Study of Future Worlds, The End of World Order, Revitalizing International Law, Nuclear Weapons and International Law, On Human Governance, The Great Terror War, and The Declining World Order*. He is Chair of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and on the Editorial Board of *The Nation*. He was head of the North American participation in the World Order Models Project, WOMP. Professor Falk has been as

Associate of TFF (Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research) since it was established in 1985.

Paolo Filippi (Casale Monferrato, 1962) – Graduated in Law at the Università Cattolica of Milan, he was Municipal Councillor in Casale Monferrato between 1986 and 1995 and then, since 1997, Councillor for Agriculture, European Projects, Economic Activities, Balance, Promotion of Local Products. He is also President of the Institute for Cooperation and Development of Alessandria Province and member of the I Commission of the Union of the Italian Provinces for Economic Development and of the Federal Council of the League for Local Autonomy.

Hall Gardner (North Carolina, 1954) – Professor of the Department of International and Comparative Politics at the American University of Paris. After completing both his M.A. (1982) and PhD. (1987) at The Johns Hopkins Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), he taught at the The Johns Hopkins-SAIS-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies (1988-89) and at Johns Hopkins SAIS-Washington (1989-90). He is author of *American Global Strategy* and the 'War on Terrorism' (Ashgate, 2005) and *Dangerous Crossroads: Europe, Russia and the Future of NATO* (Praeger 1997), among many other works on global peace and security.

Olivier Giscard d'Estaing (Paris, 1927) – Chairman of the INSEAD Foundation, of the European League for Economic Cooperation France and of the COPAM (*Comité pour un Parlement Mondial*). The founding dean and Director General of INSEAD, he has served as a member of the French Parliament (1968-1973), vice-chairman of the European Movement (1978-1992), and a member of the *Conseil Économique et Social de France* (1994-1999). He is also chair of the Business Association for the *World Social Summit*. Co-founder of the *Caux Round Table*, Dr. Giscard d'Estaing is the author of six books and widely published in journals such as the *Revue Politique Parlementaire* and the *Revue des Deux Mondes*. He frequently lectures on business policy in Europe, the United States, Japan and the Middle East, and has taught business policy at various schools. For many years a member of the board of several international corporations and an advisor of CEOs of French industrial corporations, he has also served as mayor of Estaing (Aveyron) and Governor of the *Atlantic Institute*.

Mikhail S. Gorbachev (Privolnoe, 1931) – Former President of the USSR, elected in 1988 and Nobel Peace Laureate in 1990. First elected as a Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR in 1970, in 1971 he became a Member and in 1978 Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party. In 1985 he was appointed General Secretary of the Supreme Soviet Communist Party and tried to restructure the economy of the country launching the *Perestrojka* process. He also enhanced democratic development by extending individual and collective liberties (*Glasnost* = transparency), finding considerable resistance in the opposition. He brought great political victories in foreign policy, through his commitment to the cause of peace and cooperation, which led to the signing of the treaty with Ronald Reagan for the elimination of the euro-missiles (Washington, December 1987). He resigned in 1991 after a failed coup organised by the conservative fringe of the Communist Party. He is the Founder and President of *The World Political Forum*.

Andrei Grachev (Moscow, 1941) – Graduated in History, he was Editor of the international magazine *World Youth* in Budapest (Hungary). Deputy Director on the International Department of the Central Committee of CPSU and adviser for Mikhail Gorbachev he was later appointed assistant and official Spokesman of the President of the USSR. Political scientist and editorialist for the *New Times* and *Moscow News*, Andrei Grachev was teaching as Visiting Professor at the University of La Sorbonne in Paris and at the Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, and was a Senior Researcher at St Antony's College, Oxford. Author of several books, he's presently member of Russian UN Association, Founding Member of the Council for

Foreign and Defence Policy of Russia, Adviser at the *Gorbachev Foundation* (Moscow), Expert of the Association Progress of Management (Paris) and Chairman of the Scientific Committee of *The World Political Forum*.

Edoardo Greppi (Turin, 1953) - Professor of International Law and Professor of European Union Law, Faculty of Law, Turin University, he is also Member of the Council of the Italian Society of International Law (SIDI-ISIL), of the Italian Society for International Organisation (SIOI), and of its Committee for Human Rights. Full Member of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, he is also author of books on International Trade in Services and on War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity in International Law, and of essays and articles on various issues of International Law, International Organisation and European Law.

Frédéric Gros (Saint-Cyr-l'Ecole, 1965) – French philosopher, expert in Michel Foucault's work, he is the editor of Foucault's last courses at the Collège de France. He is Professor at the University of Paris XII, and also teaches at the *Paris Institut for Political Studies*. Prof. Gros is the author of *Michel Foucault (P.U.F., 1998)*, *Et ce sera justice Punir en démocratie* (Odile Jacob, 2001), and the latest *États de violence: essai sur la fin de la guerre* (Gallimard, 2006).

Stéphane Hessel (Berlin, 1917) – Ambassador of France, with General De Gaulle during WWII, when he was deported to KZ Dora, Mr Hessel entered UN service in 1946, participating then in the drafting of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. Permanent Representative of France to the UN (1977-81), he has been the French Representative to the UN Commission for Human Rights (1990-1993). He is also Founding Member and Vice Chairman of the International Ethical, Scientific and Political Collegium and author of *Danse avec le Siècle* (Seuil, 1996); *O ma mémoire* (2006); *Citoyen sans frontières* (2007).

Gyula Horn (Budapest, 1932) – From 1969 to 1985 he was Assistant, Deputy Head, later Head of the International Department at the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party and then State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs until 1989. As Minister of Foreign Affairs (1989-90) he played a prominent role in the establishment of diplomatic relations with South Korea and Israel, the dismantling of the Iron Curtain, and supporting the re-unification of Germany. He also completed preparations for and later signed the agreement on the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary. One of the founders of the *MSZP (Hungarian Socialist Party)*, he became member of the Hungarian Parliament (1990), Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs (1990-1993) and finally Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary (1994-1998). Among other awards, he received the gold medal from the *Stresemann Society* for achievements in foreign affairs, the international *Karl Prize* for work towards European unification and the Grand Cross of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Mary Kaldor (Cambridge, 1946) – Professor of Global Governance at the London School of Economics and Co-Director of the Centre for the Study of Global Governance, LSE. She has written widely on security issues and on democracy and civil society. Her recent books include *Global Civil Society: An Answer to War* (Polity Press 2003) and *New and Old Wars: Organised Violence in a Global Era* (1999). Most recently she co-edited *A Human Security Doctrine for Europe: Project, Principles, Practicalities*, with Marlies Glasius, (Routledge 2005). Mary was a founder member of European Nuclear Disarmament (END), founder and Co-Chair on the Helsinki Citizen's Assembly, and is currently a governor of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. She is convenor of the Study Group on European Security Capabilities Established at the request of Javier Solana.

Angela Lamborizio – Mayor of Bosco Marengo, she worked for Telecom, the Italian telephone company, before becoming City Councillor and then Mayor in Bosco Marengo.

Adam LeBor (London, 1961) – He worked for several British national newspapers and magazines, before becoming a foreign correspondent in 1991, focused on Central and Eastern Europe and Israel/Palestine. He covered the Yugoslav wars for *The Times* and *The Independent*. Currently Central Europe Correspondent of *The Times*, he also writes for the *Sunday Times*, *The Economist*, *New Statesman*, *Literary Review*, the *Jewish Chronicle*, *Harry's Place* and *Conde Nast Traveller UK*, and *The Nation* and the *New York Times* in the United States. He is the author of six non-fiction books including the critically acclaimed *Milosevic: A Biography*; the best-selling *Hitler's Secret Bankers: How Switzerland Profited from Nazi Genocide*, which was short-listed for the Orwell Prize and *City of Oranges: Arabs and Jews in Jaffa*. His most recent work, *Complicity With Evil: The United Nations in the Age of Modern Genocide* has just been published by Yale University Press in the United States and Britain.

Flavio Lotti (Conegliano Veneto, 1960) – He is the Italian National Coordinator of the Tavola della Pace (Table for Peace), the body that every two years organizes the march for peace between Perugia and Assisi (Italy) joined by hundreds of lay and religious organisations, local authorities and hundred thousands of people. He is also Director of the Co-ordination of Local Authorities for Peace and Human Rights, the structure gathering 650 Italian Cities, Provinces and Regions. He is Member of the International Council of the World Social Forum and of the World Council of the Association "United Cities and Local Government". Founder and member of the Executive Committee of the European net of local authorities for peace in the Middle East, he is also founder and Member of the Bureau of the Municipal Alliance for Peace, gathering the national associations of the Palestinian, Israeli and world local authorities. Member of the International Committee of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty, he is among the founders and coordinators of the Italian Coalition against Poverty and founder and coordinator of the ONU Assembly of Peoples and of the Campaign "Reclaim our UN".

Empedocle Maffia – Currently Special Advisor to the Executive Director of the World Bank, from 1972 to 1997 he has been Special Reporter for RAI, the Italian TV and Radio public Network, covering International policy, multilateral summit, socio-economic affairs mainly in US. He had several political appointments as Advisor for the Italian Minister of Development, for the Italian Minister of Transportation, for the General Secretary of the Italian Trade Union UIL. He has been Scholar at the J.Shorenstein Centre for Press and Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and Director of *New Italy Project* at CSIS (Center for Strategic & International Studies), Washington, DC. Mr Maffia had teaching courses at Harvard, New York, Bocconi, Naples and Lecce Universities and wrote several books on Development and US.

Victor Makarov (Riga, 1973) – Research Director at The Baltic Form, an internationally oriented think-tank in Latvia established with the aim of promoting analysis and dialogue on relevant national, European and global issues. He received his degree in Political Science from the University of Copenhagen, and is now doing doctoral research on national identity and democratic citizenship at the University of Helsinki. Victor Makarov has headed several research projects and is an avid participant in the Latvian public debate on the issues of multiculturalism, future of democracy, Europeanization and globalization.

Federico Mayor (Barcelona, 1934) – Former Director General of *UNESCO* (1987-1999), Professor Mayor is one of the founders of the *Centre of Molecular Biology Severo Ochoa* at the University of Madrid and of the *Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas* (Superior Council for Scientific Studies). He served as Spanish Under Secretary of Education and Science (1974-75), and as Minister in 1981-82. He was Deputy in the Spanish Parliament and Advisor of the Prime Minister (1977-78) and in 1987 European Parliamentary. In 1999 he left the *UNESCO* direction and created the *Fundación para una Cultura de Paz* (Madrid 2000).

Riccardo Petrella (LaSpezia, 1941) - Graduated in Economics at the University of Florence, he is Professor of Economics at the University of Louvain (Belgium). In 1970 he was

appointed director of the *European Centre of Social Researches* in Vienna, and in 1978 Director the *FAST* (Forecasting and Assessment in Science and Technology) at the European Community. An expert about globalisation, welfare and water problems in the worldwide, in 1992 he founded "The Group of Lisbon", composed of 18 personalities from North America, Europe and Japan to promote a critical analysis of globalization and to suggest a new global social contract. In 1997 he created, together with Mario Soares, *The International Committee for the Global Waster Contract* and in 2002 the *University for the Common Good*. Collaborator of *Le Monde Diplomatique* and author of several articles, he devoted most of its activity to local development and new technologies. A militant politician, he is a "worker of the word" proposing alternative solutions to the globalisation of the capitalistic economy. In 2005 Prof. Petrella has been appointed President of the Apulian waterworks, the biggest one in Europe.

Vladimir Petrovsky (Volgograd, 1933) – He holds a Doctorate in History and is a member of the Boards of various Russian and international institutions. After an extraordinarily rich career as a diplomat, Mr. Petrovsky entered the United Nations in 1992, when he was appointed Under-Secretary-General for political affairs at the UN headquarters in New York. He was a key architect of the UN's "Agenda for Peace" in 1992 and chaired the Task Force that prepared it. After dissolution of the Soviet Union, Mr. Petrovsky was briefly the Representative of Russia to the *NATO* Council of Cooperation.

Rolando Picchioni (Como, 1936) – Graduated in Foreign Languages and Literatures at the University of Turin, he was a Councillor for Public Education in the Turin Provincial Administration between 1970 and 1975 and President of Turin's Repertory Theatre in the same period. He was then elected as a Member of the Italian Parliament for three terms and was Under-Secretary for the Cultural Heritage. He has also been President of the Piedmont Regional Council (1995-1998) and promoter of the "Stati Generali" of Piedmont. He is at present President of the *Foundation for Books, Music and Cultural Activities* and Executive Director of *The World Political Forum*.

Gianfranco Pittatore (Ospedaletti, 1939) – Graduated in Economy, he is President of the CRAL Foundation since 1991. He was Auditor of the BNL until 1993 and Councillor of the Society Finpiemonte (until 1997). He received the title of "Grand'Ufficiale dell'Ordine al Merito" of the Italian Republic in 2001. He presently is Councillor of several corporations and institutions, among which the Society EXPO PIEMONTE, the Association of the Piedmont Saving Banks (within which he especially cares for territorial politics), Milan Popular Bank and Akros. He is vice President of Alessandria Chamber of Commerce since 2003 and Member of the Board of Members, High Direction Committee and Scientific Committee of The World Political Forum.

Fausto Pocar (Milan, 1939) – Since 2000 Appeals Judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, and since 2005 the President of the Tribunal, as well as President of the Appeals Chamber of the ICTR. He has a long standing experience in UN activities, in particular in the field of human rights and humanitarian law. He has been for 16 years a member of the Human Rights Committee under the ICCPR, and its President. He also chaired the informal working group that drafted, within the Commission on Human Rights, the Declaration on the Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities, that was adopted in 1992 by the General Assembly. He was also appointed Special Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights for visits to Chechnya and the Russian Federation during the first conflict in 1995 and 1996 and he has been for a decade the Italian delegate to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Legal Subcommittee. Judge Pocar is also the author of numerous publications about International Law, he has lectured at the Hague Academy of International Law and is a member and treasurer of the *Institut de Droit International*, as well as a member of other international law associations.

Anaisabel Prera (Guatemala, 1955) – Minister of Education and Sports for Guatemala from 1987 to 1990 and Secretary General of Guatemala's Supreme Court of Justice and Judicial Branch, from 1994 to 1999, she served as Senior Special Advisor for Latin America and Caribbean to the Director General of UNESCO and Responsible for Global Culture of Peace Programme in UNESCO and Vice-President of its Executive Board.

Since 1996 Ms Prera is also Member of the Club of Rome and since 1999 Member of the Board of Directors of the United Nations University for Peace, based in Costa Rica. Director General of the *Fundación para una Cultura de Paz* in Madrid, she is also author of numerous articles and essays on issues relating to peace, culture, democracy and development, published in different Latin American newspapers and magazines.

Michel Rocard (Courbevoie, 1930) – Currently Member of the European Parliament, Mr Rocard entered politics as a student leader whilst studying at the *Ecole National d'Administration* (E.N.A.). A finance inspector and anti colonialist, he went to Algeria and wrote a report regarding the widely unknown refugee camps. This report was leaked to the newspapers *Le Monde* and *France Observateur* in April 1959, almost costing Rocard his job. He led the Unified Socialist Party (PSU) from 1967 to 1974 and stood in the 1969 Presidential elections. In 1974, he joined François Mitterrand and the Socialist Party. Under Mitterrand's first presidency, he was Minister of Regional and Economical Planning from 1981 to 1983 and Agriculture Minister from 1983 to 1985. After Mitterrand's re-election, he was Prime Minister (1988-1991) and led the Matignon Accords regarding the status of New Caledonia. Among other commitments, he is presently Member of the Club of Monaco.

Nancy Roof (Boston, USA) – An active member of International Civil Society, she has been in consultative status with ECOSOC at the United Nations since 1988 where she has lobbied for global values. She co-founded the Values Caucus at the UN in 1994 and the Spiritual Caucus at the UN in 2000. She was a speaker at the World Social Forum in Copenhagen on the importance of values in global policy and took part in the first Ethics Conference at the UN. She is the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the integral global journal *Kosmos* which mission is to create a sustainable, compassionate and emerging global civilization through individual, cultural, and systems transformation at all levels of body, mind, and spirit. She is Media Ambassador invited to the World Wisdom Council. Author of numerous published articles on spirituality and global affairs Dr Roof was also the first Media Ambassador to the World Wisdom Council of the Club of Budapest and a Founding Member of the World Wisdom Alliance.

Roberto Savio - Graduated in Economics, he was responsible for the Christian Democratic Party's relations with developing countries before becoming international press chief for Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro. He was then Director for News Services for Latin America with RAI, Italy's national broadcaster, and in 1964 he founded Inter Press Service (IPS), a non-profit co-operative of journalists and experts specialising in global communications for development, acknowledged by the UN as holding NGO consultative status with ECOSOC. After 1973 he became a consultant on information and communication issues for developing countries, designing the National Information Systems Network (ASIN) for Latin America and the Caribbean and the UNESCO-supported Latin American Features Service (ALASEI). Savio is founder and managing director of the Technological Information Pilot System (TIPS), a major UN project to implement and foster technological and economic co-operation between developing countries. Member of the International Committee of Porto Alegre World Social Forum, he was Coordinator of the "Media, Culture and Counter-Hegemony" thematic area of the III World Fora in 2003. He received a number of awards for TV documentaries, produced films and published several books, the latest of which is *Verbo America*, dealing with the cultural identity of Latin America.

Lord **Robert Skidelsky** (Harbin, 1939) A Member of the House of Lords, Lord Skidelsky has had both academic and political careers. He is currently professor of Political Economics at the University of Warwick, UK. He wrote *The World After Communism* in 1995, and his internationally acclaimed biography of the economist John Maynard Keynes (1983, 1992, 2000) received 5 prizes, including the Council of Foreign Relations Prize for International Relations. He was elected a Fellow of the *British Academy* in 1994. He was elevated to the House of Lords in 1991 and served as Chief Opposition Spokesman on Culture, Media and Sport (1997-8) and Treasury Affairs (1998-1999). He has been chairman of several no profit organisations, including the *Social Market Foundation*, the *Charleston Trust* and (currently) the *Centre for Global Studies* and Brighton College.

Aung Tun Thet (Myanmar) – Graduated in Economics at the University of Yangon, Myanmar, he also took Ph.D.s in Management Sciences at the Universities of Manchester and Warwick. Between 1989 and 1992 he was Director-General of the Department of Planning and Statistics, Ministry of Health and Secretary of the National Health Committee of Myanmar. He was then Head of Costing and Economics at the UNICEF Headquarters until 1997, when he became UNICEF Senior Planning and Programming Officer, based in Bangladesh, until 2000 and then UNICEF Regional Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer for East Asia and Pacific (Bangkok). In 2001 he was appointed Head of the Systems Programme for the UN System Staff College (UNSSC) of which has become Acting Deputy Director for Programmes in 2004. Prof. Thet has recently been appointed Senior Adviser for Programmes at the UNSSC. During his career he has also been Visiting Professor at the Universities of Turin and Twente (Netherlands) and at the China Executive Leadership Academy, Pudong (Shanghai) and Professor at the Institute of Economics, University of Yangon (Myanmar).

Jean-Francois Trémeaud (France, 1943) Graduated at the Institute of Political Sciences, University of Paris, he spent most of his career at the ILO (International Labour Organization) Headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland): in 1970 he became Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director-General in charge of Technical Cooperation and in 1974 Member, and subsequently Director, of the Office of the Director-General. In 1989 he was appointed Assistant Director-General of the ILO in charge of the ILO Technical Cooperation Department and of the International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin (Italy). In 1994 his responsibilities expanded to the overall technical cooperation programme and the ILO Offices worldwide. He is currently lecturer at Turin University on labour matters, their evolution at the international level, and their impact on the European Union (post-graduate courses) and delivers lectures on these themes in Universities in the USA. He is also Consultant of the Compagnia di San Paolo (Turin).

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