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**H.E. Ms. Penelope Beckles, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations.** Ambassador Beckles is an Attorney-at-Law since 1988, having graduated from the University of the West Indies, Barbados with honours and later from the Hugh Wooding Law School, Trinidad and Tobago. Ambassador Beckles served as a Local Government Councillor, later entered the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as an Opposition Senator in 1995, and later as a Member of Parliament in 1999. She served as the Leader of Opposition Business in the Senate from 2010 to 2013, was the first female Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of her country and as Chairman of the Joint Select Committees of Parliament, had responsibility for inquiring into Government Ministries and Municipalities, Corporations, Statutory Authorities and Enterprises and Service Commissions. Ambassador Beckles has held a number of ministerial portfolios including Social Development, Public Utilities, Environment, Tourism and Culture. She has a special interest in issues relating to women, youth, children, health, environment, sports and the NGO movement. As a founder of her own NGO, the Arima Foundation for the Advancement of Women and Children, she has also served as President of the Rape Crisis Centre

of Trinidad and Tobago, the UNICEF Board and the Commonwealth Institute for Women in Leadership. Born on 12 September 1966, she is married with one adopted daughter and four stepchildren. On 22 September 2016, she presented her credentials to then UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, as Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations.



**Mr. Daniël Prins, Chief of the Conventional Arms Branch of the U.N. Office for Disarmament Affairs in New York.** Mr. Prins was Secretary-General of the Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty. From 1993 to 2007 he was a diplomat for the Dutch government. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he was a lecturer in International Security at the Royal Netherlands Naval Academy.



**Dr. Henia Dakkak, Senior Programme Advisor with the United Nations Population Fund's Humanitarian and Fragile Contexts Branch (UNFPA).** Dr. Dakkak is a medical doctor, a public health specialist and a past Fulbright postdoctoral research scholar at Columbia University. She has extensive technical knowledge and experience in sexual and reproductive health and rights programming and in addressing sexual and gender based violence. Dr. Dakkak works with UNFPA country offices to deal with humanitarian preparedness, emergency response, disaster risk reduction, recovery and resilience related to providing sexual and reproductive health services and in the prevention and response to gender based violence issues. Before joining the UN in June 2004, Dr. Dakkak was the Director of Relief and Development programs with International Medical Corps (IMC), she managed and developed the technical aspect of service delivery programming to improve quality of care within IMC global programmes in relief and development settings throughout Africa, Central Asia, Middle East and Southeast Asia. These programs were developed in response emergency situation to address humanitarian health needs and to develop and strengthen health systems during recovery. Dr. Dakkak worked as technical advisor for the Reproductive Health in Conflict Consortium, providing technical advice and training to 11 projects being implemented by the consortium members within 9 countries in conflict and post conflict situation around the globe. In her past activities, she has developed and managed medical activities in the Balkans; pre-conflict and post-conflict Kosovo. Dr. Dakkak has founded and developed a multi-specialty medical center in Jerusalem. Over the years Dr. Dakkak developed research papers on Sexual and Reproductive Health programs including HIV/AIDS, gender, gender based violence and mental health issues in emergency situations. Dr. Dakkak has collaborated with other NGO's, donors such as OFDA, PRM, European Commission, DFID, CIDA, ECHO and NATO. Dr. Dakkak was born in Jerusalem.



**Mrs. Salwa "Sally" Shatila Kader, Founder and President of the International Federation for Peace and Sustainable Development.** Mrs. Kader is a world-renowned advocate for peace who founded the International Federation for Peace and Sustainable Development 16 years ago in 2001. IFPSD is a successful non-profit and non-governmental organization, with thirteen chapters around the world including its headquarters in New York City. IFPSD is represented in 5 continents and 17 countries. Mrs. Kader promotes cultural diversity and protection of cultural heritage, interfaith dialogue, children's rights, human rights, women empowerment, and the elimination of human trafficking. Mrs. Kader has been recognized by heads of states, and recipient of several awards for her advocacy from Europe, Middle East, US, and Far East. She regularly hosts events at the United Nations and all over the world. She is regularly featured on TV and major publications across the world for her work and causes that she believes in. She also sits on a number of boards with a wide range of advocacy groups and committees and is an honorary member of the Parliamentarian in the Middle East and Africa region to end violence against women. She is also a member of the American Women Judges Association and the International Women Judges Association. Mrs. Kader was

born in Beirut, Lebanon and holds a Bachelor's Degree in History and Archeology from the University of Lebanon and a Master's Degree in History from Central Missouri State University. She also pursued extensive coursework in comparative religion, communications and conflict resolution at Harvard University, the University of Baghdad and Lebanese University.

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**Mr. Jonathan Granoff is the President, Global Security Institute, Senior Advisor and Special Representative to the United Nations for the Permanent Secretariat of the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates.** Chair of the Task Force on Nuclear Nonproliferation of the International Law Section of the American Bar Association, and Ambassador for Peace and Security of the Parliament of the World's Religions. Focuses advocacy efforts on the legal, moral, political and spiritual dimensions of peace with a particular emphasis on the rule of law and elimination of nuclear weapons. On numerous advisory and governing boards such as the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security at the UN, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy, Middle Powers Initiative, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament, and the Jane Goodall Institute. Fellow in the World Academy of Arts and Science and recipient of numerous awards such as the Arthur E. Armitage, Sr. Distinguished Alumni Award of Rutgers University School of Law. Award-winning screenwriter of *The Constitution: The Document that Created a Nation*, and has articles in more than 50 publications and books including: *The Sovereignty Revolution, Toward a Nuclear Weapons Free World, Imagining Tomorrow, Analyzing Moral Issues, Perspectives on 911, Toward a World In Balance, Reverence for Life Revisited, and Hold Hope, Wage Peace*. Featured guest and expert commentator on hundreds of radio and television programs, and testified as an expert in the US Congress, Parliaments of the UK and Canada, and at the UN numerous times. Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.



**Professor Vicki Jan Isler, Lead United Nations Delegate for Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI), Co-Chair of MBBI UN Working Group, UN Women Action Initiative and Faculty International Training Institute (ITI).** Professor Isler has extensive experience in dispute resolution, restorative justice, environmental law and international law and policy issues. Ms. Isler, a noted mediator and attorney is a former Chair of the Environmental Section of the New Jersey State Bar, past Vice Chair of the ABA Environmental Law Section's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and the former Editor of the ABA's publication "Year in Review." She has served as a Deputy Attorney General representing the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, an adjunct professor at Seton Hall Law School, Co-author of "New Jersey Environmental Law Treatise" (Jurist Publications) an instructor for the Army Corp of Engineers Professional Development School and as a visiting expert in environmental law and justice studies at Montclair State University. Professor Isler is a Fellow of the Oxford Roundtable on Climate Change (Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, Oxford, England) and is the lead UN Delegate for Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI), a non-governmental organization (NGO) with

UN ECOSOC consultative status. Professor Isler is a Co-Chair of MBBI's United Nations Working Group and UN Women Initiative, is on the faculty of the International Training Institute (ITI) and is a member of the Executive Board of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY (NGOCSD-NY). Professor Isler continues to share her expertise in climate change, sustainability, UN Agenda 2030 and conflict resolution with various businesses, academic and professional groups throughout the United States and abroad as a featured lecturer, trainer and consultant. Professor Isler received her undergraduate degree, as a George Cobb Fellow, from Colgate University and her law degree from Cardozo School of Law (Yeshiva University) where she was a Belkin Scholar.



**Ms. Emilie McGlone, Director of Peace Boat US, New York Office.** Ms. McGlone has been working with Peace Boat since 2004 and currently is the United Nations liaison and Director of the New York-based office of Peace Boat US, a non-profit organization working to promote peace, sustainable development and respect for the environment through educational programs organized onboard the Peace Boat, a chartered passenger ship that travels the world on peace voyages. Peace Boat holds Special Consultative Status with the Social and Economic Council of the United Nations and works in partnership with UN representatives, Nobel Peace Laureates and community leaders from around the world to create opportunities for international cooperation focused on environmental sustainability, cultural awareness and peace education. Ms. McGlone works to foster youth education and develops specific programs to learn about important global issues onboard the Peace Boat. Founded in 1983 and nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2008, Peace Boat has sailed on over 93 global voyages, carrying more than 60,000 people to more than 100 countries. Peace Boat has recently launched a new initiative to build an Ecoship to sail in 2020, showcasing green technology and design, while inspiring positive change to radically reduce our carbon footprint. Peace Boat is a committed campaigner for the Sustainable Development Goals, sailing with the Global Goals Logo on the hull of the ship. Peace Boat's Ecoship Project will build the world's most sustainable passenger ship. A flagship for the SDGs, Ecoship seeks to address ocean acidification with reduced carbon emissions and significantly reduce marine pollution. It was presented as the first voluntary commitment from civil society to the Ocean Conference preparatory meeting in February. For more information about the Peace Boat, please visit [www.peaceboat.org](http://www.peaceboat.org).

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