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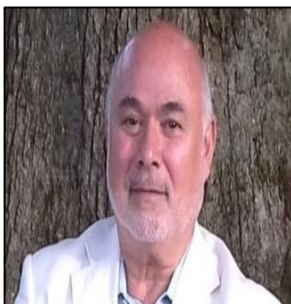
H.E. Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Former Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of India to the UN. Ambassador Puri joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1974 and retired on 28 February 2013 after an extended career spanning over 39 years during which he held Ambassadorial-level jobs in London, to the United Nations in Geneva, Brazil, and as Permanent Representative in New York. He had earlier served in India's Missions in Tokyo and Colombo as well and as Permanent Secretary for Economic Relations in the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi. Ambassador Puri has extensive hard core experience in multilateral trade negotiations, in the defence sector as well as in the area of peace and security. He has twice presided over the Security Council of the United Nations in New York, August 2011 and November 2012. He chaired the Counter Terrorism Committee of the Security Council in 2011 and 2012. Ambassador Puri has served

at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, as Under Secretary in the early 1980s, as Director and Chef de Cabinet to the Foreign Secretary in the early 1990s, as Joint Secretary of the Americas and Europe West Divisions and on deputation to the Ministry of Defence in the 1990s. He was Permanent Secretary dealing with Economic Relations in the Ministry of External Affairs from June 2008 to April 2009, before assuming the post in New York. After retiring from the Indian Foreign Service, he joined the International Peace Institute (IPI), a non-profit think tank headquartered in New York with offices in Vienna and Bahrain. He was also appointed Secretary General of the Independent Commission on Multilateralism (ICM) appointed by the IPI. He is 64 years old and married to Ambassador Lakshmi Puri, presently Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director, UN WOMEN. They have two daughters. Ambassador Puri recently authored, “Perilous Interventions: The Security Council and the Politics of Chaos” which he dedicated to his granddaughter.



Dr. Youssef Mahmoud is Senior Adviser at the International Peace Institute (IPI) supporting the Africa, Middle East, and peace operations programs and serving as focal point on mediation and conflict prevention policies and practices. Before retiring from the United Nations in January 2011, he was the Secretary-General's Special Representative and Head of the UN Peacekeeping Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad. From 2007 to 2009 he served as Executive Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the UN Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Burundi. Prior to these assignments, he held several other senior positions, notably as United Nations Resident Coordinator in Guyana, Director in the UN Department of Political Affairs, and Head of the Office of the Undersecretary-Secretary-General for Political Affairs. He recently served as member of the UN Secretary-General High Level Panel on Peace Operations (HIPPO) and simultaneously a member

of the High Level Advisory Group for the Global Study on Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. He periodically writes on political transitions in Africa, with particular focus on Tunisia, and is currently a Visiting Professor at the African Leadership Centre, King's College, London. He serves on the Boards of several non-profit organizations in the US and Tunisia, including Al-Bawsala, a Tunisian NGO that aims to put citizens at the core of political action. Dr. Mahmoud has a PhD in Linguistics from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.



Mr. Jonathan Granoff: President, Global Security Institute, Senior Adviser 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.