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NEWS ADVISORY – FORMER US SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM J. PERRY AND FORMER US NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR STEPHEN J. HADLEY BRIEFS WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL-DC ON 'GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES: THE NEXT 20 YEARS.'

The Honorable William J. Perry and **The Honorable Stephen J. Hadley** will address the World Affairs Council – Washington, DC on the final report of the **2010 Quadrennial Defense Review Independent Panel (QDR)** during a luncheon at **The National Press Club** in Washington. Perry and Hadley served as co-chairs of the bipartisan panel review of long term U.S. defense strategy and priorities. The two experts will comment on panel recommendations to Congress including a boost in long-range strike, maritime and cyber capability to confront global trends and threats, and how the U.S. can utilize its hard and soft power to secure its future.

The discussion will be webcast to World Affairs Councils across the United States and filmed for television broadcast on WAC-DC's television show, **'World Affairs Today'**, to air on Sunday afternoons on **MHz Networks Worldview Channel beginning Sunday, February 6, 2011.**

The World Affairs Council – Washington, DC's ***Distinguished Speaker Series*** is an opportunity for WAC-DC members and guests to meet and talk with prominent figures in the international community. Recent speakers have included Muhammad Yunus, Hon. Abdullah Abdullah, Hon. Henry M. Paulson, Dominique Strauss-Kahn and Gen. Michael Hayden and Dr. Joseph E. Stiglitz.

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NOTES TO EDITORS: WAC-DC CASE STATEMENT (ON STATIONERY).

1. **The Honorable Franklin D. Kramer** is an independent consultant and was Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs for President Bill Clinton and Secretaries William Cohen and William Perry. Mr. Kramer is chairman of the board of the World Affairs Council - Washington, DC; vice chairman of the Atlantic Council, and chairman of its Committee on Asian and Global Security; a Capstone Professor at the George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs; and on the board of directors and board of advisers of other prestigious American and international organizations.
2. **The Honorable Stephen J. Hadley** served as US National Security Advisor for the George W. Bush Administration from 2005-2009. In this capacity, he directed the National Security Council staff, and ran the interagency national security policy development and execution process. Prior to his appointment as National Security Advisor, Hadley served as Deputy National Security Advisor, serving under then National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice. His responsibilities included US relations with Russia, the Israeli disengagement from Gaza, developing a strategic relationship with India and ballistic missile defense. From 1989-1993, Hadley served as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for international security policy under then Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, where he represented the Defense Department on matters of arms control, matters involving NATO and Western Europe, on ballistic missile defense, and on export and technology control matters. Mr. Hadley also has several years of legal experience. From 1993-2001 he was a partner in the Washington D.C. law firm of Shea and Gardner (now part of Goodwin Proctor) and a principal in The Scowcroft Group where he represented a range of corporate clients in transactional matters. Mr. Hadley currently serves as a Senior Adviser for International Affairs at the United States Institute of Peace.
3. **The Honorable William J. Perry** served as US Secretary of Defense under the Clinton Administration from 1994-1997. During his tenure, Secretary Perry played an active role in addressing among other foreign policy issues, the military junta in Haiti, the Bosnian War, and the military conflict in Somalia. Prior to his appointment, Perry served as Deputy Secretary of Defense from 1993-1994 and Undersecretary of Defense for research and engineering from 1977-1981. He also boasts a distinguished business career. From 1981-1985, he served as managing director of Hambrecht & Quist, an investment banking firm that specializes in high technology companies. Secretary Perry currently serves on several high-tech companies and is Chairman of Global Technology Partners, a member of the National Academy of Engineering, and fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. During his career, Secretary Perry has received numerous awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1997, the Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1998, and the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun by the Emperor of Japan in 2002. Secretary Perry is currently the Michael and Barbara Berberian Professor at Stanford University, with a joint appointment in the School of Engineering and the Institute for International Studies. He is also a senior fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and serves as co-director of the Nuclear Risk Reduction Initiative and the Preventive Defense Project.