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**Václav Bartuška** is currently the Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. He was also the Czech Commissioner-General at EXPO 2000 in Hanover, Germany, a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Columbia University (1994-1995) and a Marshall Fellow (1999). Due to his previous experience with the Secret Police, Mr. Bartuška was elected in 1990 as the students' representative to the parliamentary committee which oversaw the investigation of the Communist Party security apparatus. In 2009 he published his first book, *Polojasno*, which sold 230,000 copies.

**Hahn Choong-Hee** is Seoul Nuclear Security Summit Sous-Sherpa at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea. He served as the Director for Policy and DPRK at KEDO in New York (2002-2005), the Deputy Director-General for North Korean Nuclear Affairs (2007-2008) and Director for North American Affairs (2005-2007). He holds a graduate degree in international relations from University of Pennsylvania and undergraduate degree in French from Seoul National University. Before being posted to New York in 2002 his earlier assignments included Washington, Lagos, Vienna and Paris.

**Dana Drábová** worked at the Centre for Radiation Hygiene Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology from 1985-1995 - later the National Health Institute - where she focused on protection against the harmful effects of ionizing radiation. Since 1992, she has been the Deputy Head of Headquarters of the Radiation Monitoring Network in the Czech Republic. From 1994-2000 she devoted her doctoral studies to the field of nuclear physics and received her PhD. From 1995-1996 she was the director of emergency preparedness at the Department of State Office for Nuclear Safety from 1996-1999 she was Director of the National Institute for Radiation Protection. On 1 November 1999 she was appointed President of the State Office for Nuclear Safety and from November 2006 to November 2009 she chaired the Western European Nuclear Regulators Association (WENRA). She is currently the President of the Czech Republic State Office for Nuclear Safety.

**Camille Grand** is Director of the *Fondation pour la recherche stratégique* since September 2008. Prior to this assignment he worked as Deputy Director for disarmament and multilateral affairs in the Directorate for strategic, security and disarmament affairs of the French ministry of foreign affairs (2006-08). He has also participated in several groups within the EU (CODUN, COSCE) and NATO (HLTF). He also worked as the Deputy Diplomatic Advisor to the French Minister of Defence and served as an expert on nuclear policy and non-proliferation in the strategic affairs department of the same ministry. He holds graduate degrees in international relations, defence studies and contemporary history from *the Institut d'études politiques de Paris* and is also teaching graduate courses in international and security affairs at Sciences-Po Paris and at *the Ecole Nationale d'Administration*. His publications include several books and monographs as well as numerous papers in European and American journals.



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**Alison Kelly** is the current Ambassador of Ireland to the Czech Republic and also Ambassador-designate of Ireland to Ukraine. She holds a diploma in Advanced European Studies from the College of Europe (1974). Previously she joined the Department of Foreign Affairs as Third Secretary and her earlier assignments include positions as Deputy Political Director (2008-2011), Director for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation in the Department of Foreign Affairs of Ireland (2007-2011), Political Counsellor at the Embassy Washington (2003-2007), UN Director (1998-2003) and EU Division (1997-1998). She also served in Madrid, Vienna, Cairo and Hague.

**Stefan Kordasch** is an economist by vocation with a PhD from Göttingen University. He joined the German Diplomatic Service in 1993 and has been posted to Moscow, Novosibirsk, Geneva and Paris. He has been working in the field of security policy and arms control as a member of the German delegation to the Geneva Conference on Disarmament from 1997 to 2001 and in the Department for Strategic Affairs of the French Foreign Ministry in 2004-2005. He is currently Deputy Head of the Nuclear Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Division of the Federal Foreign Office.

**Khammar Mrabit** has more than 25 years of experience in radiation and nuclear and radiation safety and nuclear security. He joined the IAEA in 1986, where he has been involved in many technical cooperative nuclear and radiation safety activities. From December 1999 to July 2008, he was the Head of the Regulatory Infrastructure and Transport Safety Section (within the Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety Division). Dr. Mrabit was Head of the Safety and Security Coordination Section since August 2009, within which programmes for the IAEA Safety Standards and Security Guidance were established and coordinated for their use and application, and for capacity building in Member States. Dr Mrabit was appointed Director, Office of Nuclear Security, on 1 April 2011.

**Gary Samore** is currently the Special Assistant to the President and White House Coordinator for Arms Control and Weapons of Mass Destruction, Proliferation, and Terrorism (since January 2009). Mr. Samore is addressing issues that he worked on for years at the State Department as an adviser to President Clinton and an expert at several eminent foreign policy think-tanks. He has served as Director of the Council on Foreign Relations (2006 to 2009), Vice President for Global Security and Sustainability, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (2005) and was a researcher at the International Institute of Strategic Studies (2001 to 2005).

**Jiří Schneider** served as a member of the Chamber of the People of the Federal Assembly of Czechoslovakia from 1990-1992. From 1995-1998 he served as the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Israel. From 1999 to 2001 he was the Director of Analysis and Project Management Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. In 2002 he received the International Policy Fellowship OSI, Central European University, Budapest. From 2003-2004 he served as the Director of Analysis and Project Management Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. From 2004-2005 he was the Director General of Security and Multilateral Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. From 2005-2010 he served as Senior Adviser to the Program Director, Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI). He is currently the First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.



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**Karel Schwarzenberg** served as President of the International Helsinki Committee for Human Rights from 1984-1991. In 1989, together with Lech Walesa, he was presented with the Human Rights Award of the Council of Europe. In January 1990 he was named as a member of the Collegium of Counsellors of President Václav Havel, and later served as Chancellor of President Václav Havel. From 2004-2010 he served as Senator of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, representing the 6th election district. From 2006-2007 he was a member of the Permanent Delegation of the Parliament to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. From 2005-2007, Schwarzenberg was Chairman of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security Committee of the Senate. He is a member of the Permanent Delegation of the Parliament to the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly. He is currently the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.