Contributors

Baroness Valerie Amos is the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. Baroness Amos brings extensive knowledge and experience to the position. She was most recently the United Kingdom’s High Commissioner to Australia. She has been a long-time campaigner and advocate on human rights, social justice, and equality issues. She is a former Secretary of State for International Development in the British government and was also president of the Privy Council and leader of the House of Lords. Born in Guyana, Baroness Amos holds a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and a Master of Arts in cultural studies as well as honorary doctorates from 11 British universities and 1 American university. She was awarded the Order of the Volta by the government of Ghana and has been honored by the government of Benin. She was also recognized by the Smithsonian Museum for African Art for her work on the continent.

Michelle Bachelet is the president of Chile. From 2002 to 2004, she held the position of defense minister, making her the first woman to hold this position in Chile and Latin America. Under her direction, important changes were made to compulsory military service; the role of the ministry and the military staff was strengthened; rights for women in the armed forces, police, and investigatory police were improved; and more Chilean peacekeeping forces were deployed across the world. In March 2006, Ms. Bachelet became the first female president of the republic, marking the beginning of a period where the government focused on achieving greater equality and social inclusion in Chile. In 2010, after finishing a presidential term marked by record citizen support and approval, she created the Fundación Dialoga (Dialogue Foundation) to continue contributing to the renewal of ideas from center-leftists and to serve as a motivational space for new leadership to form. In 2010, she became the president of the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group, a joint initiative with
the International Labor Organization and World Health Organization that works to promote social policies that stimulate economic growth and social cohesion. Under her leadership in 2011, the group published a report titled *Social Protection Floor for a Fair and Inclusive Globalization*, which currently serves as a guide for the United Nations (UN) regarding a universal standard of social protection. In September 2011, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon named Ms. Bachelet the first executive director of UN Women, an organization dedicated to fighting for the rights of women and girls internationally. In March 2013, after 2½ years of service dedicated to increasing women's political participation and economic empowerment and fighting to end violence against women, she resigned from the organization. Ms. Bachelet then returned to Chile and again became a presidential candidate, winning a second term in December 2013.

Ambassador Rick Barton is the Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO) and the Secretary of State’s senior advisor on conflict and stabilization. The bureau is responsible for driving the State Department’s efforts to improve U.S. Government effectiveness in preventing cycles of violent conflict and addressing crises. Ambassador Barton leads a 160-member team that focuses on a few countries of special importance or where catalytic initiatives can further locally driven solutions. CSO has become known for its agility, innovative strategies, broad partnerships, local initiatives, and advanced analytics and mass communications. Since the bureau’s first years, the highest priority countries have been Syria, Burma, Honduras, Bangladesh, Kenya, and Nigeria. Previously, Ambassador Barton served in New York as the U.S. Representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (UN), working on development, peace-building, climate change, and human rights. During that time, he was actively engaged in the creation of UN Women, as well as the advancement of the UN Peacebuilding Commission, Millennium Development Goals summit, and Democracy Fund initiatives; suspension of Libya’s voting rights on the UN Human Rights Commission; reconstruction of Haiti post-earthquake; and alignment of U.S. and UN development country programs. Ambassador Barton has worked to improve U.S. and international responses to conflict in more than 40 of the world’s most unstable places. He led independent reviews of Iraq reconstruction; developed civilian strategies for Iraq, Sudan, and Sri Lanka; created new measurements of progress in
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Major General (Ret.) Patrick Cammaert had a distinguished military career in both the Netherlands, with the Royal Netherlands Marine Corps, and the United Nations (UN), where he served as sector commander in Cambodia, assistant chief of staff in Bosnia-Herzegovina, force commander in Ethiopia and Eritrea, military advisor to the Department of Peace Keeping Operations, and general officer commanding the Eastern Division in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Since his retirement in 2007, he has been an expert advocate regarding issues such as leadership in crisis circumstances, international peace and security, civil-military cooperation in peace support operations, peacekeeping, and security sector reform. Major General Cammaert has advised the senior management of the UN Department of Peace Keeping Operations, UN Development Programme, and UN Development Fund
for Women on strategic planning issues such as integrated training development, protection of civilians under immediate threat of physical violence, and sexual gender-based violence in armed conflict. He is regularly a mentor at senior UN Mission Leadership courses. In 2008, Major General Cammaert was awarded the Dutch Carnegie Foundation's Wateler Peace Prize. He is a member of the advisory board of the Mukomeze Foundation, which helps women and girls who survived rape and other forms of sexual violence in Rwanda.

Ambassador Luis CdeBaca was appointed by President Barack Obama in May 2009 to coordinate U.S. Government activities in the global fight against contemporary forms of slavery. He serves as senior advisor to the Secretary of State and directs the State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, which assesses global trends, provides training and technical assistance, and advocates for an end to modern slavery. Ambassador CdeBaca formerly served as counsel to the House Committee on the Judiciary, where his portfolio for Chairman John Conyers, Jr., included national security, intelligence, immigration, civil rights, and modern slavery issues. At the Department of Justice, Ambassador CdeBaca was one of the country's most decorated Federal prosecutors, leading the investigation and prosecution of cases involving money laundering, organized crime, alien smuggling, official misconduct, hate crimes, and human trafficking. He was honored with the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for his service as lead trial counsel in the largest slavery prosecution in U.S. history, which involved the enslavement of over 300 Vietnamese and Chinese workers in a garment factory in American Samoa. He has received the leading honor given by the national trafficking victim service provider community, the Freedom Network's Paul and Sheila Wellstone Award, and has been named the Michigan Law School's Distinguished Latino Alumnus. He has convicted dozens of abusive pimps and employers and helped to liberate hundreds of victims from servitude. Ambassador CdeBaca holds a Bachelor of Arts from Iowa State University and a Juris Doctor from the Michigan Law School, where he was an editor of the *Michigan Law Review*.

General Carter F. Ham, USA (Ret.), was the second commander of U.S. Africa Command from 2011 to 2013. He started his career as an enlisted infantryman in the 82nd Airborne Division before attending John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. He was commissioned in the infantry as a Distinguished Military Graduate
in 1976. His military service included assignments in Kentucky, Ohio, California, Georgia, Italy, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Macedonia, and Iraq. He held a variety of positions to include recruiting area commander; battalion executive officer at the National Training Center; advisor to the Saudi Arabian National Guard; commander, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry; chief of staff, 1st Infantry Division; commander, 29th Infantry Regiment; commander, Multi-National Brigade, Mosul, Iraq; commander, 1st Infantry Division; and director for operations, Joint Staff J3. His previous assignment was commanding general of U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army. His military education includes the Armor Officers Advanced Course, Naval College of Command and Staff (graduating with distinction), and the Air War College. General Ham’s awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star, and Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Dr. Cindy Y. Huang is the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) deputy vice president for Sector Operations in the Department of Compact Operations, where she is in charge of policies, standards, and processes in key programmatic and operational areas. Dr. Huang manages teams responsible for MCC’s investments in agriculture, land, education, health, and community-driven development. She also oversees fiscal accountability, procurement and contracts support, and ensures that social inclusion and gender equality principles are integrated into the design and implementation of MCC’s programs. Dr. Huang has a Bachelor of Arts in ethics, politics, and economics from Yale University and a Master of Public Administration in development studies from Princeton. She also holds a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from the University of California at Berkeley.

Ambassador Princeton N. Lyman served as the U.S. special envoy for Sudan and South Sudan from March 2011 to March 2013. As special envoy, he led U.S. policy in helping in the implementation of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement. Ambassador Lyman previously held the position of Ralph Bunche Fellow for African Affairs at the Council on Foreign Relations. He was also an adjunct professor at Georgetown University and at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies. From 1999 to 2003, he was executive director of the Global Interdependence Initiative at the Aspen Institute. Ambassador Lyman’s previous career in government included assignments as deputy assistant secretary of state for

Admiral William H. McRaven, USN (Ret.), was the ninth commander of U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) from 2011 to 2014. He also served from 2008 to 2011 as the 11th commander of Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), which is charged to study special operations requirements and techniques, ensure interoperability and equipment standardization, plan and conduct special operations exercises and training, and develop joint special operations tactics. Admiral McRaven served from 2006 to 2008 as commander, Special Operations Command Europe. In addition to his duties as commander, he was designated as the first director of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Special Operations Forces Coordination Centre where he was charged with enhancing the capabilities and interoperability of all NATO Special Operations Forces. Admiral McRaven has commanded at every level within the special operations community, including assignments as deputy commanding general for operations at JSOC; commodore of Naval Special Warfare Group One; commander of SEAL Team Three; task group commander in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility; task unit commander during Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield; squadron commander at Naval Special Warfare Development Group; and SEAL platoon commander at Underwater Demolition Team 21/SEAL Team Four. His diverse staff and interagency experience includes assignments as the director for strategic planning in the Office of Combating Terrorism on the National Security Council Staff;
assessment director at USSOCOM; staff member of the Chief of Naval Operations; and the chief of staff at Naval Special Warfare Group One. Admiral McRaven’s professional education includes an assignment to the Naval Postgraduate School, where he helped establish, and was the first graduate from, the Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict curriculum.

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Admiral Michael Mullen, USN (Ret.), was the 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As such, he served as the principal military advisor to the President, Secretary of Defense, National Security Council, and Homeland Security Council. A native of Los Angeles, California, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968. He commanded three ships: the gasoline tanker USS Nexubee (AOG-56), the guided-missile destroyer USS Goldsborough (DDG-20), and the guided-missile cruiser USS Yorktown (CG-48). As a flag officer, Admiral Mullen commanded Cruiser Destroyer Group 2, the USS George Washington battle group, and the U.S. Second Fleet/
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Striking Fleet Atlantic. Ashore, he served in leadership positions at the U.S. Naval Academy, in the Navy’s Bureau of Personnel, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and on the Navy staff. He was the 32nd Vice Chief of Naval Operations from August 2003 to October 2004. His last operational assignment was as commander of NATO Joint Force Command Naples/commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe. Admiral Mullen is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School and earned a Master of Science in operations research from the Naval Postgraduate School. Prior to becoming Chairman, Admiral Mullen served as the 28th Chief of Naval Operations.

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Navanethem Pillay served as the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2008 to 2014. Ms. Pillay, a South African national, was the first woman to start a law practice in her home province of Natal in 1967. Over the next few years, she acted as a defense attorney for anti-apartheid activists, exposing torture and helping establish key rights for prisoners on Robben Island. She also worked as a lecturer at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and later was appointed vice president of the Council of the University of Durban Westville. In 1995, after the end of apartheid, Ms. Pillay was appointed as acting judge on the South African High Court, and in the same year was elected by the UN General Assembly to be a judge on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), where she served a total of 8 years, the last four (1999–2003) as president. She played a critical role in the ICTR’s groundbreaking jurisprudence on rape as genocide, as well as on issues of freedom of speech and hate propaganda. In 2003, she was appointed as a judge
on the International Criminal Court in The Hague where she served on the appeals chamber until August 2008. In South Africa, as a member of the Women’s National Coalition, she contributed to the inclusion of the equality clause in the country’s constitution that prohibits discrimination on grounds of race, gender, religion, and sexual orientation. She co-founded Equality Now, an international women’s rights organization, and has been involved with other organizations working on issues relating to children, detainees, victims of torture and domestic violence, and a range of economic, social, and cultural rights. Ms. Pillay received a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from KwaZulu-Natal University. She also holds a Master of Law and Doctorate of Juridical Science from Harvard University.

Ms. Mari Skåre is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Special Representative for Women, Peace, and Security. She has extensive experience from the Norwegian Foreign Service. Prior to her nomination as special representative, she served as minister counselor and deputy permanent representative at the Norwegian Delegation to NATO. She also served as minister counselor and deputy head of mission at the Norwegian embassy in Kabul and previously as counselor and legal adviser at the Norwegian Mission to the United Nations (UN). Ms. Skåre joined the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1991. Her first assignment was as legal adviser in the Secretariat of the Minister of International Development. Since then, she has held a number of positions and has extensive knowledge of the UN and NATO. Throughout her career, she has worked with issues relating to women and security, particularly through her positions as minister counselor at the Norwegian embassy in Kabul and the Norwegian Delegation to NATO. In these positions, she was instrumental in formulating Norwegian policies. Ms. Skåre holds a Master of Law degree from the University of Oslo.

Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN (Ret.), is the 12th dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He led the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in global operations from 2009 to 2013 as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. He also served as commander of U.S. Southern Command, with responsibility for all military operations in Latin America from 2006 to 2009. Admiral Stavridis holds a Ph.D. from the Fletcher School and won the Gullion Prize as outstanding student. He has published 5 books and over 100 articles. He primarily
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Ambassador Melanne Verveer is executive director of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security. Previously, she served as the first U.S. Ambassador for Global Women’s Issues, a position to which President Barack Obama nominated her in 2009. She coordinated foreign policy issues and activities relating to the political, economic, and social advancement of women and traveled to nearly 60 countries.
Ambassador Verveer worked to ensure that women's participation and rights are fully integrated into U.S. foreign policy, and she played a leadership role in the administration's development of the U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security. President Obama also appointed her to serve as the U.S. Representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. From 2000 to 2008, she was the chair and co–chief executive officer of Vital Voices Global Partnership, an international nongovernmental organization that she co-founded to invest in emerging women leaders. During the Bill Clinton administration, she served as assistant to the President and chief of staff to the First Lady. She also led the effort to establish the President's Interagency Council on Women and was instrumental in the adoption of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000. Ambassador Verveer holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from Georgetown University. In 2013, she was the Humanitas Visiting Professor at Cambridge University. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the World Bank Advisory Council on Gender and Development. She holds several honorary degrees and is the recipient of numerous awards, including the U.S. Secretary of State's Award for Distinguished Service.
Supporting women and girls isn’t just right; it’s also strategic. It’s security. It’s stability. When women and girls live free from the threat of violence—when they are able to pursue their ambitions and realize their full potential—economies thrive, stability spreads, and the entire world is stronger and more secure. That’s why empowering women around the world isn’t something extra for the State Department. It is foreign policy.

—John Kerry
68th U.S. Secretary of State

Around the world, every day, women are on the frontlines for peace and protecting our security. They play an essential role in our armed forces. Women are critical to helping stop violence where conflict has broken out and in achieving justice and reconciliation in war’s aftermath. We need women to continue playing leading roles in world affairs, protecting America, and promoting peace.

—Chuck Hagel
24th U.S. Secretary of Defense