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Presenters

Gordon Peake is a senior associate with the Libra Advisory Group. A former lecturer at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, his expertise lies in security sector reform and DDR; in the last year he has worked on projects in Jamaica, Nepal and Timor-Leste. He has published widely on aspects of police reform, security sector reform, and evaluation. He is co-editor of 'Managing Insecurity: Field Experiences of Security Sector Reform'.

Dr Paul Jackson is the Director of the GFN-SSR and the Director of the International Development Department, School of Public Policy, University of Birmingham. Paul has over twelve years' experience working in developing and post-conflict areas, including Northern Uganda, Sierra Leone, Rwanda, and the Caucasus, and has written widely on post-conflict political reconstruction, warlords, and governance and conflict.

Megan Bastick is Coordinator of the "Special Programmes" department of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), working principally on DCAF's projects on gender and security, including developing a Toolkit on Gender and Security Sector Reform to be published in early 2008.

Megan has previously worked in Geneva for the Quaker United Nations Office's Human Rights and Refugees Programme, in particular on women's imprisonment, as a lawyer in Australia and as an International Humanitarian Law Officer with the Australian Red Cross. She has a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales (Australia) and a Masters in International Law from the University of Cambridge. Her Masters research focused on the role of judicial processes in ending armed conflict.

Bruce Baker is Professor of African Security at Coventry University, UK and Director of the African Studies Centre there. He is currently engaged in an Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) project examining informal and formal policing in post-conflict African states. He has conducted fieldwork in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa, Rwanda, Uganda, The Gambia, Sierra Leone, Cape Verde, Seychelles and Liberia. His published articles cover African democratisation, governance, policing, security sector reform, popular justice and informal justice.

Gareth Davies OBE had a military career for 16 years including time with the Royal Horse Artillery, the Territorial Army Special Observation Battery and in the Sultan's Armed Forces in Oman he was a Battery Commander in the Dhofar war. He joined Her Majesty's Prison Service in 1980 serving in a number of roles in UK prisons, including as Governor of Pentonville and as Chief of Staff to the Operational Director of HMPS. During this time he served in Kosovo as the Chief of Staff for Prisons under UNMIK and in Iraq as the Director of Law and Order for the CPA for which he was awarded OBE on the Iraq Honours List in 2004.

Piet Biesheuvel has been the Police and Justice Adviser with the SSDAT since 2003. He previously served in a senior position in the Avon and Somerset Constabulary and has a wide range of developmental experience in the Police and Justice sector, especially in Sub Saharan Africa. Immediately prior to joining the

SSDAT he was the DFID Programme Manager for the Malawi Safety Security and Access to Justice programme. He has now also brought his expertise to bear in South Eastern Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, Latin America and South East Asia.

Stephen Glover works for the UK Ministry of Defence UK and during his career, he has worked alongside the Armed Forces in the UK and overseas, including NATO, an Operation and foreign MODs. His experience embraces change management, international relations, policy, finance and staff management. From October 2003, he was the UK Special Defence Advisor (SDA) in MOD Romania and from October 2006 SDA in MOD Ukraine.

Jim Greene has worked closely with Ukraine since 1999 to help identify and implement reforms needed for national security and democratic transition, and to catalyze, coordinate, and manage relevant support from NATO, Allies, and other international contributors. In addition to NATO postings in Brussels and Kyiv he has also worked as an external consultant and project co-director with Ukrainian NGOs and served in the US Navy as a Naval Flight Officer, with operational experience in counter-narcotics and the US Antarctica program, and as a political-military specialist. Since January 2004, he has served as Head of the NATO Liaison Office Ukraine.

Sir Francis Richards KCMG CVO has been Director of the Centre for Security Studies and Diplomacy and an Honorary Professor in the School of Social Sciences of the University of Birmingham since April 2007. His career has mainly concentrated on defence and security issues. He was Governor of Gibraltar from 2003-2006. From 1998-2003 he was Director of Government Communications Headquarters, Britain's signals intelligence and communications security agency. He joined the Army after leaving Cambridge, but his career was cut short by injury and he entered the Foreign Service, serving in Russia (in 1971-2 and again as Minister in the early 1990s), at the MBFR negotiations in Vienna (1973-6), in India (1985-8) and as Britain's first High Commissioner in Namibia (1990-2). He was the Assistant Under Secretary responsible for Britain's representation in and bilateral relations with Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union (1995-6) and the whole of Europe (1996-7) before becoming Deputy Under Secretary of State for Defence and Intelligence in 1998.

Jeremy Brickhill has extensive experience of conflict mitigation and management in Africa and has designed and managed DDR programmes in several countries. He is an active member of the African Security Sector Network and recently completed a DFID contract as security sector advisor in Sudan.

Angus Morris is a former RAF pilot with a Masters Degree in Defence Studies who has worked as an SSR adviser within the SSDAT since 2001. He has held a number of important posts within his Service and the MOD where his last appointment was as Director Balkans. His project work with the Team has seen him active in Sub Saharan Africa, Latin America, South East Europe and Central and South Asia across a range of security sector actors.

John Parr is a civil servant working for the Ministry of Defence. He read War Studies at Sunderland and King's College London and International Relations at Staffordshire and Corpus Christi College Cambridge. He also has a MBA from Surrey. He has recently been working on SSR in Uganda, Nepal, Lebanon, Jamaica and Guatemala.

Simon Rynn is an Adviser on Security and Justice Sector Development at Saferworld. He supports the organisation's work promoting more people-centred, accountable and conflict-sensitive SSR in South Asia, Europe and East Africa. He has a background with development organisations such as UNDP and War on Want. He also has previous experience in researching, designing and monitoring small arms control projects in East and South Eastern Europe in collaboration with national governments, international organisations and civil society actors.

Peter Wilson is Intelligence and Security Consultant at the Security Sector Development Advisory Team, where he has worked on reform of intelligence services, National Security Councils and Ministries of Interior in Iraq, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Kosovo and Bosnia-Herzegovina. He started his career in the British Diplomatic Service and has also worked as a strategy consultant for McKinsey. He has an MBA from INSEAD and a Master's in Economics from Oxford University, and is co-author of "Make Poverty Business", published by Greenleaf in October 2006.

Mark White is DFID's Security Sector Reform Adviser, a post he has held since December 2006. Prior to this posting he spent 2 years as the manager of DFID's Security Sector Reform and Justice Sector Development programmes in Sierra Leone, during which time significant progress was made in concretely linking security sector reform to development through the Poverty Reduction Strategy process, and the transfer of ownership of key policy and financial decisions to the Sierra Leonean security sector institutions. In his position as Conflict Adviser for Central Asia, South Caucasus and Moldova, he has represented DFID in the past on the Russia/CIS Global Conflict Prevention Pool.