

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES OF CONTRIBUTORS

STAN WINDASS

Stan Windass is Director of the Foundation for International Security, which he established as a Track II diplomacy organisation concerned with East/West security issues in the 1980s. Prior to that, he worked on a consensus-building symposium of defence experts which was published by Brassey's in 1985 under the title *Avoiding Nuclear War*. At the beginning of 1985 he launched the first Common Security Programme, which was a high level international problem-solving network in which decision makers and their advisers were involved. The FIS continues to work in the field of international peace and security building. Through quiet diplomacy it has been closely involved with peace initiatives in the Middle East and Northern Iraq. In the course of peacemaking initiatives in Cambodia, attention was drawn to the need for humanitarian action to help mine victims. This led to the formation of the Cambodia Trust of which Stan Windass was a co-founder and director from 1989-2000.

PROFESSOR TED ROBERT GURR

Ted Robert Gurr, a graduate of Reed College (1957) and New York University (1965), is Distinguished University Professor at the University of Maryland. Before joining the Maryland faculty in 1989 he taught at Princeton University (1967-69), Northwestern University (1970-84, serving as department chair in 1977-80), and the University of Colorado. He has written or edited twenty books and monographs including the award-winning *Why Men Rebel* (1970), *Violence in America* (1969, 1979, 1989, with Hugh Davis Graham), *The Politics of Crime and Conflict* (1977), and *The State and the City* (1987, with Desmond S. King).

Professor Gurr founded and directs the Minorities at Risk project, based at the University of Maryland's Center for International Development and Conflict Management, which tracks and analyzes the status and conflicts of some 300 politically active communal groups throughout the world (see www.bsos.edu/cidcm/mar). The project has provided the basis for most of his recent publications including *Minorities at Risk* (1993), *Ethnic Conflict in World Politics* (1994, with Barbara Harff), and *Peoples versus States: Minorities at Risk in the New Century* (2000).

In 1993-94 Professor Gurr was president of the International Studies Association and in 1996-97 he held the Swedish government's Olof Palme Visiting Professorship at the University of Uppsala. Since 1994 he has been senior consultant to the White House initiated State Failure Task Force.