

I would point first to the challenge of globalization and its impact on conflict. There is no agreed definition of globalization, but nonetheless it is a widely recognized force. We associate it mainly with economic changes, and with the technologies that drive them. But there is more to globalization than that. Globalization has produced an increasingly inter-connected world, one where economic, political and environmental events have significant effects far beyond national borders. There are many benefits from this process, but also the negative consequence that security threats are more complex and global than ever before as borders become permeable and at times invisible.