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• provide scholarship to students relating to international peace and security;

• study and prepare ideas and policies for the enhancement of international peace and security; and

• collect and disseminate information on, and encourage public discussion of, issues of international peace and security."

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