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environmental degradation, natural resource depletion, competition for economic resources, drug trafficking, alliances between narco-traffickers and terrorists, the proliferation of “inhumane weapons” and the spread of infectious diseases threaten everyone. It is not possible to be isolated from their effects.

The question then is not whether the emphasis should be placed on traditional security issues, which normally derive from the relationships among states, or on non-traditional human security issues, which are not confined by national boundaries. The answer is that the focus must be on both. ●

- 1 Drawn in part from P. H. Liotta and James F. Miskel, *A Fevered Crescent: Security and Insecurity in the Greater Near East* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2006).
- 2 Based on data compiled by the National Geographic Society and the United Nations Population Division.
- 3 United States Agency for International Development, “Making Cities Work,” August 2002, August 2006, <http://www.makingcitieswork.org/urbanWorld/profiles>.
- 4 See, for example, Norman Myers, *The Gaia Atlas of Future Worlds: Challenges and Opportunities in an Age of Change* (New York: Anchor Books, 1990) 83.