PROFESSOR BARBARA HARFF

Barbara Harff received her Ph.D. in political science, with specialties in international relations, comparative politics, and jurisprudence and international law, from Northwestern University in 1981. She held faculty positions at LaTrobe University in Melbourne, Australia, and the University of Colorado before joining the political science faculty at the U.S. Naval Academy in 1986. She was promoted to full professor in 1996. In Spring 1993 she was on sabbatical leave with an appointment as PIOOM fellow at the Center for the Study of Social Conflicts, University of Leiden. In 1996-97 she was awarded a senior research professorship by the Swedish Government's Council for Research in the Humanities and Social Science, which she held at Uppsala University's Department of Peace and Conflict Research.

Professor Harff's books include Genocide and Human Rights: International Legal and Political Issues (1984) and, with T. R. Gurr, Ethnic Conflict in World Politics (1994). She also has written more than three-dozen articles, chapters and monographs on the international and comparative dimensions of massive human rights violations. Much of her work explores the relationship between ethnic conflict and humanitarian disasters, such as genocide and political mass murder (politicide), and analyzes how to respond to and constrain intranational aggression. Her current research is concerned with early warning of genocide and politicide. Since 1996 she has been a senior consultant to the State Failure Task Force, established at the initiative of Vice President Gore to develop empirically based early warning models of political crises. Recently she has prepared data-based analyses of the preconditions and accelerators of genocide and politicide for the Task Force, for use by the Clinton Administration's new center for early warning of humanitarian crises.

LT GEN SATISH NAMBIAR PVSM AVSM VRC INDIAN ARMY (RETD)

Born on 30 Aug 1936 in Mumbai, Lt Gen Satish Nambiar was commissioned as an infantry officer into the Indian Army in December 1957. He saw active service in Jammu and Kashmir, participated in counter insurgency operations in the Northeast, and in the 1965 and 1971 operations in the sub-continent. He held command and staff appointments at various levels: he commanded two battalions of the Maratha Light Infantry, raised and commanded a mechanized brigade and later a mechanized division. A graduate of the Australian Staff College, he served with an Indian Army training team in Iraq, and as the Military Adviser at the Indian High Commission in London.

Lt. Gen. Nambiar was the Director General of Military Operations at Army Headquarters in New Delhi, during which period he led two defence delegations for talks with Pakistan. He was deputed as the first Force Commander and Head of Mission of the United Nations forces in the former Yugoslavia, and set up and ran the Mission from 03 Mar 92 to 02 Mar 93. Declining an offer of extension, he returned to the rolls of the Indian Army and retired as the Deputy Chief of the Army Staff on 31 Aug 94. Lt. Gen. Nambiar is currently Director of the United Service Institution of India, and continues to take keen interest in matters of national and international security, peacekeeping operations, and international relations.