

Albright and Cohen to Co-Chair Genocide Prevention Task Force

Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former Secretary of Defense William Cohen today announced that they will co-chair a Genocide Prevention Task Force jointly convened by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the American Academy of Diplomacy, and the United States Institute of Peace. The Task Force will generate practical recommendations to enhance the U.S. government's capacity to respond to emerging threats of genocide and mass atrocities.

"The world agrees that genocide is unacceptable and yet genocide and mass killings continue. Our challenge is to match words to deeds and stop allowing the unacceptable. That task, simple on the surface, is in fact one of the most persistent puzzles of our times. We have a duty to find the answer before the vow of 'never again' is once again betrayed," said Secretary Albright.

"We are convinced that the U.S. government can and must do better in preventing genocide crime that threatens not only our values but our national interests," said Secretary Cohen.

(...) "The Task Force will harness tremendous expertise from across the spectrum and include distinguished Americans with experience in politics, diplomacy, economics, humanitarian and military affairs," said Ambassador Brandon Grove, Executive Director of the Genocide Prevention Task Force. "It is a unique partnership of organizations and individuals that care deeply about preventing genocide."

The Task Force will issue a report in December 2008.

For more information, visit: http://www.usip.org/genocide_taskforce/index.html