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## **Disarmament and non-proliferation education**

**Report of the Secretary-General** 

Addendum\*\*

## IV. Implementation of the recommendations by nongovernmental organizations

## E. Examples of disarmament and non-proliferation education programmes

## Recommendations 6, 7, 13, 14, 23 and 24

1. The Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) offers a Certificate in Nonproliferation Studies, awarded by the Graduate School of International Policy Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Available to Master's degree students and qualified non-degree students, the certificate programme is designed to prepare students for professional careers in non-proliferation, arms control or disarmament. In the 2003-2004 academic year, 31 Master of Arts students and six non-degree students earned the Certificate.

• The International Organizations and Nonproliferation internship programme augments the education of Monterey Institute students by providing practical experience in dealing with non-proliferation issues at international organizations and United States government departments. In 2003-2004, 14 students served as interns in the Department for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations in New York, the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in the Hague, and the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

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- The Visiting Fellows Program provides comprehensive training for policy professionals from the Russian Federation and other former Soviet States, China and other countries. Visiting fellows spend three to four months in Monterey taking part in presentations, tutorials and directed research. In 2003-2004, CNS hosted 20 visiting fellows from 10 countries.
- The English Language and Nonproliferation (ELAN) Program offers intensive English language instruction, as well as an introduction to non-proliferation issues. CNS hosted nine English Language and Nonproliferation Program fellows in 2003-2004.
- Train-the-trainers workshops, conducted in partnership with educational institutions in the Russian Federation or China in local languages by CNS staff and former visiting fellows, prepare university faculty and technical specialists to teach courses in non-proliferation and arms control. In August 2003, CNS, the Institute of International Studies at Tsinghua University and NGO partners co-sponsored the second session of the Tsinghua University Arms Control Workshop in Beijing. This symposium provided training for 28 lecturers, non-proliferation professionals and graduate students from Chinese universities. In September 2003, CNS, together with the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, organized a workshop at the Institute on non-proliferation education in Russia and the newly independent States. The workshop brought together 23 professors and instructors from Russian universities, technical institutes, research and industrial centres, and non-governmental organizations.
- CNS organized a workshop on the 2004 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee in Annecy, France, in March 2004, entitled "The roadmap to 2005: where do we want to go and how should we get there?". The workshop offered an opportunity for key delegations as well as the Chair of the third session of the Preparatory Committee, to consider the substantive and procedural issues that would be discussed in the Preparatory Committee in April 2004. More than 70 Preparatory Committee delegates, including many ambassadors to the Conference on Disarmament and other senior representatives of States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, took part in the workshop.
- The Critical Issues Forum, the CNS high school outreach and exchange programme, brings high schools in the United States of America together with schools in the closed nuclear cities of the Russian Federation to study non-proliferation and international security issues. The Critical Issues Forum topic for the 2003-2004 academic year was "Nuclear issues in North-East Asia". The 2003-2004 programme included a curriculum development workshop, held in Monterey in October 2003; a teacher education workshop for 13 United States high schools in Monterey in December 2003; a workshop for Russian teachers at the Nuclear Cities Educational Information Center, the CNS Russian partner non-governmental organization, in Novouralsk, Russian Federation, in January 2004; and a student-teacher conference held in April 2004 in San Antonio, Texas, at which students from participating United States and Russian high schools presented the results of their research and creative projects.
- In 2003-2004, the CNS Education Group launched a series of online tutorials on terrorism with weapons of mass destruction, including biological, chemical and radiological weapons. A tutorial on nuclear terrorism will be completed in

August 2004. The group also revised and updated its first tutorial on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The tutorials are available on the Nuclear Threat Initiative web site at http://www.nti.org/h\_learnmore/h3\_tutorial.html.

The Hague Appeal for Peace carries out a Global Campaign for Peace 2. Education (GCPE), of which disarmament and human security form an integral part. GCPE emphasizes networking and making peace education resources available to organizations and individuals in order to help build peace and non-violence initiatives around the world. Information is made available by means of a web site, a monthly e-newsletter, events, programmes and educational resources. Partnerships and networking take place through consultations, training (internships) and conferences. Of particular importance is the international conference to be held in Tirana, Albania, from 20 to 24 October 2004, entitled "Developing democracy through peace education: educating toward a world without violence". Innovative projects are being developed in Puerto Rico, New York, California and in a midwestern state of the United States, scheduled to begin in September 2005, and a partnership with Recycle-A-Bicycle will sponsor a seven-week peace education summer programme for inner city youth. The ongoing partnership with the Peace Boat will continue. As to educational resources, GCPE develops and edits publications and educational resources to increase understanding for and implementation of peace education. In particular, it is developing an educational resource of peace lessons and stories as a sequel to Book II of Learning to Abolish War: Teaching Toward a Culture of Peace.