

## Preface

This report summarizes a conference at Stanford University, generously funded by the Hewlett and MacArthur Foundations, and co-sponsored by the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI). The purpose of this conference, entitled “Reykjavik Revisited: Steps toward a World Free of Nuclear Weapons,” was to examine more closely the steps toward achieving a world free of nuclear weapons as identified in the *Wall Street Journal* article of January 4, 2007, that was signed by George P. Shultz, Henry A. Kissinger, William J. Perry, and Sam Nunn and supported by many others who had attended the conference. That article summarized the findings of a prior conference, “Implications of the Reykjavik Summit on its Twentieth Anniversary” convened at the Hoover Institution on October 11–12, 2006, the twentieth anniversary of the remarkable summit meeting between President Ronald Reagan and General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev. At that meeting, the two leaders discussed, but failed to achieve, an agreement to rid the world of all nuclear weapons.

The very strong response to the *Wall Street Journal* article from all over the world inspired the convening of this second conference. As was the case in the first conference, there was broad agreement from a distinguished group of participants, including former officials of the past six Administrations and senior scholars and scientists, on practical steps to address the current and near-term security chal-

lenges of nuclear weapons and to move toward the Reykjavik goal of a world free of nuclear weapons.

Introducing this report is a letter sent to the conference by Nancy Reagan and an address prepared for the conference by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. It is followed by an essay written by George Shultz and Harry Rowen which depicts the global context within which efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons will proceed. This is followed by Part One, which contains an essay written by Sidney Drell and James Goodby, that provides an overview of the issues together with introductory material to the conference papers. The summaries and key findings of these papers, as prepared by their authors, are presented in Part Two, organized into three clusters of topics: Getting to Zero, Managing Nuclear Programs, and A Diplomatic Offensive. Part Three includes an essay by Max Kampelman that was published in the *New York Times* on April 24, 2006, and articles summarizing the two conferences that appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* on January 4, 2007 and on January 15, 2008. The two Appendices include the conference agenda and a list of the names of the participants.

The Hoover Press plans to publish the conference papers in full early in 2008. In the meantime this report furnishes a brief review of the rich discussion at the conference. The proceedings of the entire conference can be viewed at [www.hoover.org](http://www.hoover.org).