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Ploughshares Fund to launch report featuring perspectives of women leaders on achieving sustainable security

The report authors include Representative Barbara Lee, and Beatrice Fihn, Executive Director of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. The report will be launched at an event in Washington, DC.

“A New Vision for Gender and National Security”

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WASHINGTON DC – Global security foundation Ploughshares Fund will launch a new report, in which the authors lay out practical steps to build a smart, effective national security strategy, through the lens of their work as women on national security issues.

For decades, US nuclear policy has been dominated by the same voices and the same ideas. The new Congress is a unique opportunity for policymakers to develop a new nuclear policy, one that puts people first – not stale Cold War ideas or defense contractors.

The essay authors include **Representative Barbara Lee**, **Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins**, founder of *Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security and Conflict Transformation*; **Ambassador Wendy Sherman**, former Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, and **Beatrice Fihn**, Executive Director of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning *International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons*.

Their recommendations range from challenging the authoritarian architecture of nuclear policy to promoting negotiations with North Korea, from overcoming gender obstacles in the national security field to concrete steps Congress can take to promote gender equality.

“The nuclear policy field needs to expand its range of perspectives,” said Tom Collina, Ploughshares Fund Director of Policy. “US nuclear policy is broken and in desperate need of fresh ideas. We are bringing women and diverse voices to security discussions to change the conversation.”

“The Ploughshares Fund Women’s Initiative has helped build a network of women committed to creating more just, inclusive, peace-oriented policies in national security and foreign policy,” said Cara Wagner, Senior Program Officer. “By introducing more feminist and progressive ideas to the field of nuclear security, we seek to transform the way we solve global conflict.”

The report was sponsored by *Compton Foundation, Our Secure Future* and the *Rockefeller Brothers Fund*. Ploughshares Fund is proud to collaborate with our partner foundations on this new initiative to elevate women leaders, an essential step towards achieving sustainable peace and security.

Ploughshares Fund is a global security grantmaking foundation based in San Francisco, CA, with an office in Washington, DC. Founded in 1981, Ploughshares Fund supports initiatives to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons. It is the largest US philanthropic organization focused exclusively on nuclear security.

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