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**Senior Congressional Advisor for Arms Control and Nonproliferation
To Lead Newly Launched Arms Control Advocacy Collaborative (AC²)**

A New Effort The Ploughshares Fund and Steven and Michele Kirsch Foundation announced today the launch of a new project – the Arms Control Advocacy Collaborative (AC²) – established to advance a common nonproliferation and security agenda for the coming decades.

A New Leader We are pleased to announce that Terri S. Lodge has agreed to serve as the lead lobbyist for AC². Since 1991, Ms. Lodge has served as Senior Congressional Advisor for Arms Control and Nonproliferation at the Department of State where she represented the Department and executive branch before the Congress on the full range of arms control and nuclear nonproliferation issues. As Chairperson of the interagency Arms Control Treaty Ratification Working Group, Lodge was charged with formulating and implementing an effective legislative ratification strategy. She worked to win approval of a number of agreements including the START I and START II Treaties, the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty, the Nuclear Safety Convention and the Chemical Weapons Convention. Ms. Lodge worked closely with former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John Shalikashvili (ret.) on his independent review of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and has worked to ensure appropriations for the Nunn-Lugar programs in Russia and the former Soviet Union since their inception. Ms. Lodge succeeded in forging congressional consensus in support of some of the most important security issues of our time and is uniquely qualified to help lead AC².

A New Approach AC² is a newly established project, supported by the two foundations, that aims to advance a common nonproliferation and arms control agenda in Washington, DC. Eight non-governmental organizations are participating in AC² and contributing extensive technical, policy and legislative expertise. The organizations and their respective representatives are: Arms Control Association, Daryl Kimball; Center for Defense Information, Bruce Blair; Council for a Livable World, John Isaacs; Federation of American Scientists, Michael Levi; Friends Committee on National Legislation, David Culp; Natural Resources Defense Council, Christopher Paine; Physicians for Social Responsibility, Martin Butcher; and Union of Concerned Scientists, Stephen Young.

“Following the November elections, the need for bi-partisan collaboration on arms control and nonproliferation is paramount,” said Kirsch Foundation President and CEO, Kathleen Gwynn. “We are delighted to bring on board someone who has worked effectively throughout Democratic and Republican Administrations.”

Added Ploughshares Fund Executive Director Naila Bolus, “Preventing weapons of mass destruction proliferation has emerged as a priority issue for policymakers and voters. We are confident that Terri Lodge, with her years of substantive and legislative experience, will seize opportunities to advance issues ranging from nuclear terrorism to cooperative threat reduction with Russia.”

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