



HILLS PROGRAM ON GOVERNANCE

Enhancing the Governance of the United Nations

On February 9th, 2006, Roderick Hills, Founder of the Hills Program on Governance, participated in a panel at the United Nations entitled: “*UN Management Reform – The Time is Now!*” Mr. Hills’ statement focused on management and accountability at the U.N. Over 300 participants attended the discussion to hear comments by members of the U.S. Task Force on U.N. reform.

In December of 2004, the U.S. Congress passed legislation to organize a bipartisan Task Force to evaluate the effectiveness of the U.N. and to formulate recommendations for reform. The Task Force was coordinated by the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) and was comprised of 12 members of Congress, chaired by former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell. Congress stipulated that the Task Force should include distinguished nominees from the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS, Hills Program on Governance), the American Enterprise Institute, the Brookings Institution, the Counsel on Foreign Relations, the Hoover Institution, and the Heritage Foundation.

The Task Force was organized around five substantive areas: preventing and ending conflicts and building stable societies; preventing and responding to genocide and gross human rights violations; preventing catastrophic terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; ensuring enhanced effectiveness, integrity, transparency, and accountability of the U.N. System; fostering economic development and reducing poverty.

On June 15th, 2005, the Task Force released its report, “*American Interests and U.N. Reform: Report of the Task Force on the United Nations.*” The report formulated specific recommendations on reconfiguring the internal management, budget, programming, personnel, and audit structures of the U.N. Secretariat and its subsidiary bodies.

For progress on implementation of Task Force recommendations and a comprehensive overview of the Task Force, please visit USIP's website: <http://www.usip.org/un/index.html>.

Click here to download the complete report of the Task Force: *American Interests and UN Reform*, released in June 2005: http://www.usip.org/un/report/usip_un_report.pdf

To download Chapter 3: *In Need of Repair: Reforming the United Nations*, click here: http://www.usip.org/un/report/usip_un_chp3.pdf