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Dear colleagues and friends of IPRA,

I would like to draw your attention to a new major book co-edited by:

Hans Günter Brauch, Úrsula Oswald Spring, Czeslaw Mesjasz, John Grin, Pal Dunay, Navnita Chadha Behera, Béchir Chourou, Patricia Kameri-Mbote, P.H. Liotta (Eds.): Globalization and Environmental Challenges: Reconceptualizing Security in the 21 st Century. Hexagon Series on Human and Environmental Security and Peace, vol. 3 (Berlin – Heidelberg – New York: Springer-Verlag, 2008), 1176 p. 85 illus., ISBN: 978-3-540-75976-8

Stavros Dimas, Commissioner for the Environment, European Union:

Globalisation and Environmental Challenges: Reconceptualising Security in the 21 st Century – sums up many of the dilemmas and challenges facing policy-makers today. Since the end of the Cold War, the security debate has changed fundamentally. A study which addresses the new challenges and suggests responses will therefore be a welcome addition to the policy-maker's toolkit. For this reason, I warmly welcome this volume.

Professor Hans van Ginkel, former Rector of the United Nations University 1997-2007):

“This unique compilation of global scholarship deserves many readers and should be available in all major university and research libraries in all parts of the world and for all scholars also on the Internet.”

Professor Klaus Töpfer, former Executive Director, UNEP (1997-2006):

“This book deserves many readers in all parts of the world, especially in those countries where university and research libraries may not be able to afford such references books. It is hoped that these scientific and policy-relevant messages can again be made available with the support of private foundations and donors to the young generation in the global South that will experience many of these challenges to their security and survival during this century.”

Put quite simply, the twin impacts of globalization and environmental degradation pose new security dangers and concerns. In this comprehensive new work on global security thinking, 92 authors from five continents and many disciplines, from science and practice, assess the worldwide reassessment of the meaning of security triggered by the end of the Cold War and globalization, as well as the multifarious impacts of global environmental change in the early 21st century.

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peace, development and environment. The authors move on to review the rethinking of security in international law, economics and political science, as well as in the key political, military and economic milieus.

The book also examines the environmental security dimension and the adaptation of the institutional security concepts of the UN, EU and NATO, and analyzes the effect of change on regional security. Finally, it posits alternative security futures and draws conclusions for future research and action.

Written for: Scientists, researchers; libraries, international organisations, institutes (social and political sciences, philosophy, environmental sciences, geography, climatology, geosciences, economics, law, sociology, education, military academies)

Keywords: climate change; environment; global environmental change; globalization; political concepts

With Forewords by Stavros Dimas, Commissioner for the Environment, European Union; Professor Hans van Ginkel, former Rector of the United Nations University and Under-Secretary General of the UN (1997-2007); Professor Klaus Töpfer, former Executive Director, UNEP and Under-Secretary General of the UN (1997-2006).

With Preface Essays by Ambassador Jonathan Dean, Union of Concerned Scientists, Washington, D. C.; Professor Úrsula Oswald Spring, former Environment Minister, Morelos, Mexico; Dr. Vandana Shiva, Alternative Nobel Prize, New Delhi, India; Dr. Narcis Serra, former Vice President of the Government and former Defence Minister of Spain.

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Hans Günter Brauch, PD (Adj. Prof.) at the Free University of Berlin, chairman of AFES-PRESS, fellow at UNU-EHS in Bonn and editor of this series; he publishes on security and environment issues.

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