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H David PLUNKETT is Ambassador of Canada to the European Union. H. David Plunkett (BA [Political Science], University of British Columbia - 1975; M.A. [International Relations], University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands – 1979) was nominated Ambassador of Canada to the European Union on July 22, 2011. He succeeds Ross Hornby. He joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 1981 first as a Trade Policy Officer. From 1987 to 1991, he was Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Canada to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in Geneva.

In Ottawa, he was Deputy Director of the US Trade Policy Division from 1991 to 1993; Director of the European Union Division from 1998 to 2001; Director General, Bilateral and Regional Trade Policy from 2006 to 2009; and Associate Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) and Chief Negotiator (Bilateral and Regional) Trade Policy and Negotiations from 2009 to 2011. In his work abroad, he was also Counsellor for Trade Policy at the Embassy of Canada in Washington from 1993 to 1997 and from 2002 to 2006 he was Minister-Counsellor (Economic) in London. David Plunkett is married to Hettie Stevens and they have a son, Jesse.

Ben BASELEY-WALKER is Programme Lead of the Emerging Security Threats Programme at the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research UNIDIR. With significant experience in international relations, international law, and strategic communications, Mr. Baseley-Walker brings an innovative strategic approach to his work facilitating and supporting international dialog on emerging areas of conflict and international security.

Before joining UNIDIR, Mr. Baseley-Walker was the Advisor on Security Policy and International Law for the Secure World Foundation (SWF), a private operating foundation working in the field of space security. In this role he focused engaging the international community, especially emerging space States, on looking at new methods for multilateral negotiations of space-related international security issues. Previously, Mr. Baseley-Walker worked in international relations and international law in East Africa with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, the Ethiopia International Law Project and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr. Baseley-Walker studied International and European Law at the Universiteit Van Amsterdam Law School in the Netherlands, and Politics at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He is a graduate of International Space University Space Studies Programme in Beijing.

Yvon HENRI is Chief of the Space Services Department (SSD) at the Radiocommunication Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in Geneva (Switzerland). Before joining ITU in 1995, he has held various management positions at France Telecom (Paris, France) and INTELSAT (Washington DC, USA) and has been involved in the satellite business for more than 25 years. ITU is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies – ICTs. We allocate global radio spectrum and satellite orbits, develop the technical standards that ensure networks and technologies seamlessly interconnect, and strive to improve access to ICTs to underserved communities worldwide.

Cesar JARAMILLO is Program Officer at Project Ploughshares, a non-profit organization that conducts research on issues related to international peace and security based in Waterloo (Canada), where he works on the Space Security and Nuclear Disarmament programs. He manages the Space Security Index (SSI), an international research consortium focused on research and analysis of space security trends, and is managing editor of the SSI's annual report. Cesar also leads the implementation of Project Ploughshares' nuclear disarmament initiatives. Prior to joining Project Ploughshares, Cesar held a fellowship at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), a think-tank in Canada that addresses international governance challenges, where he was a member of CIGI's Global and Human Security program. He has delivered presentations on space security at multilateral forums such as UN Headquarters in New York City, diplomatic missions such as the Embassy of Canada to the United States in Washington DC, and academic institutions such as the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing. Most recently, he attended the 54th plenary session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) as advisor to the Canadian delegation. He holds an MA in Global Governance from the University of Waterloo (Canada), as well as degrees in Honours Political Science and in Journalism.

Agnieszka LUKASZCZYK is the Brussels Office Director for Secure World Foundation and has seven years of professional experience in the international space policy arena at an executive level. Currently, Lukaszczyk is based in Brussels, Belgium where she is spearheading and actively facilitating international dialogue regarding space policy. Her work involves working with the European institutions on space policy matters. In addition Agnieszka Lukaszczyk works closely with the United Nations (UN) civil space activities covering the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) and working closely with the UN Office of Outer Space Affairs (OOSA). Since 2006, Lukaszczyk has served as the Executive Officer for the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) in support of the UN Programme on Space Applications, and is now SGAC Chairperson. In addition, during the period of September 2006 to June 2008, Agnieszka was a researcher at the European Space Policy Institute. Agnieszka is also the Vice President – Europe for World Space Week.

Lukaszczyk holds a Bachelor's of Science in Political Science, from the University of Tennessee and a Masters from the American University School of International Service in International Politics. She also studied at the Universite Catholique de Louvain in Brussels, Belgium; the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland and the World Trade Institute in Berne, Switzerland. She gained professional experience at the Political Section of the Polish Embassy in Washington DC, American Electronics Association in Brussels, European Department of the Polish Senate in Warsaw and the Warsaw Business Journal.

Jana ROBINSON has been Resident Fellow at the European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) since December 2009. Ms. Robinson leads the Institute's Space Security Research Programme. She has published a number of articles on space security and sustainability in various journals. Prior to joining ESPI, she served as Development Director for the Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI) from 2005–2009, a leading, Prague-based, nonprofit public policy organization focused on security policy and studies. She was likewise responsible for the corporate establishment of PSSI Washington, a non-profit organization in Washington D.C., closely affiliated with PSSI Prague. Previously, she held positions consistent with her academic background in Asian Studies. She holds an MA in Asian Studies from George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, in Washington DC, specializing in Asia-Pacific security issues and space policy, and an MA in Asian Studies from Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic. She received scholarships to attend the International Space University (ISU) 2009 Space Studies Program (SSP09), the 2008 Summer Mandarin Training Course at the Mandarin Training Center of the National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei, and Shanghai University in 1999–2000.