

## **Opening address by Ivo Josipovic, President of Croatia**

At a time when the whole world is preoccupied with economic crisis, with European financial crisis and rising levels of unemployment, it is easy to lose sight of the fact that by far the greatest existential threat to humanity remains rooted in the Cold War paradigm of nuclear weapon states and the continued threat of nuclear weapons proliferation, both to state and non-state actors. We know that virtually any use of nuclear weapons is contrary to international humanitarian law and would constitute a crime against humanity, since it is impossible to avoid targeting civilian populations. We also clearly understand that even a limited nuclear war could have devastating environmental consequences which could threaten the entire global community.

In this context it is deeply gratifying that the World Academy of Art and Science, European Leadership Network and the Dag Hammarskjöld University College of International Relations and Diplomacy are conducting this conference to examine major challenges related to illicit trade in nuclear materials, cyber-security, the linkage between nuclear energy and nuclear weapons, the conceptual basis for human rights and global governance, and practical steps that can be taken to achieve a nuclear weapons free world. I hope that this conference may succeed in formulating practical measures to give voice and franchise to humanity as a whole on this issue which is so critical to the future of peace on earth.

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Danas kada smo zaokupljeni ekonomskom krizom, s europskom financijskom krizom i rastucom nezaposlenoscu, skloni smo zaboraviti da je najveca prijetnja covjecanstvu bazirana na paradigmi Hladnog rata – nuklearnom oruzju, drzavama koje imaju nuklearno oruzje te proliferaciji nuklearnog oruzja posebno teroristickim grupama. Koristenje nuklearnog oruzja i prijetnja koristenja nuklearnog oruzja predstavlja krsenje medjunarodnog humanitarnog prava i zlocin je protiv covjecanstva. Cak i ograniceno koristenje nuklearnog oruzja moze imati strahovite ekoloske posljedice.

Znacajno je da Svjetska akademija umjetnosti i znanosti, Europska mreza lidera i Dag Hammarskjöld Visoka skola za medjunarodne odnose i diplomaciju organiziraju konferenciju koja ce istraziti nezakonitu trgovinu nuklearnim materijalom, cyber-sigurnost, povezanost nuklearne energije i nuklearnog oruzja, konceptualne osnove ljudskih prava i globalnog upravljanja, te konkretne korake za ostvarenje svijeta bez nuklearnog oruzja. Nadam se da ce ova konferencija uspjeti formulirati prakticne mjere koje ce osigurati mir.