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*Attn:* Mr. Ivar Hansen

President of Parliament

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Invitation to: *International Seminar on National Security*

### **International Terrorism – The New Terrorism in a New Millennium**

**ISRAEL, June 15 – 26, 2006-04-02**

Dear Mr. Ivar Hansen ,

The **International Centre for National Security Studies (ICNSS)** would like to invite the to nominate representatives to attend our **June 15 – 26, 2006 "International Seminar on National Security"** in which the main theme will be International Terrorism, conveying the Israeli experience on terrorism.

Terrorism is changing and acquiring new dimensions. The sometimes state-backed terrorism of the 1970's and 1980's, which grew out of observable and publicized protest movements, has mostly been joined or replaced by the new terrorism. Its development at the micro, actor, level is more difficult to observe and analyze. The process which resulted in the political or

religious extremist evolving into a terrorist has been foreshortened by easy access to technology and the material required to commit the act of terror. Moreover this process is now likely to take place in cyberspace, in a training camp or in a madrasa Islamic religious seminary. Obviously, those attracted to extremist causes are, a priori, discontented or frustrated with the world as they see it, but the consequences of their conversion are likely to be played out in anonymity or in another country. The perpetrator will have left less of a trail and his contacts will be harder to find. His funding, if he requires any at all, may have been provided by a legitimate enterprise or from the proceeds of crime, but he is less likely to have a criminal record and therefore is less likely to be known to law enforcement agencies.

While the new terrorism still fundamentally resembles the old, the most dramatic difference lies in the diffusion of the groups involved and therefore the ability to track and interdict them. This poses a new and additional challenge, particularly to non-state targets such as Jewish communities. To penetrate such nomadic and amorphous networks requires a determined effort by national law enforcement agencies and coordination between them, which had been lacking until recently. (Michael Whine)

For further information and application forms for our June 15 – 26, 2006 International Seminar please contact me directly.

Sincerely Yours,

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