

STRATEGY FOR KOSOVO'S FIRST 120 DAYS

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THE PROJECT ON JUSTICE IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

Taking Risks for Peace: Conflict Transformation in the 21st Century

The Project on Justice in Times of Transition was launched in 1992 at the urging of Czech President Vaclav Havel following an unprecedented international conference in Salzburg, Austria that brought together leaders from Europe, the former Soviet Union, Latin America and the United States to examine and share lessons on how to deal with abuses of past regimes in previous transitions from dictatorship to democracy.

Since then the Project has played a pioneering role in helping leaders around the world address the challenges of transitional justice, conflict negotiation and transformation, and the building of trust among often deeply divided communities by identifying and bringing leaders from other countries to describe their own often difficult transitions. Using this methodology of shared experience, the Project often breaks down the barriers that leaders face as they confront complex tasks such as preparing for negotiations, implementing disarmament agreements and cease-fire arrangements, creating accountability, and other tasks involved in the creation of sustainable democratic societies. The Project's accomplishments include launching the field of transitional justice, helping introduce the concept of a Truth Commission in South Africa, nurturing peaceful negotiations and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and Central America, and, most recently, helping to broker and maintain delicate negotiations between the Colombian government and the ELN.

The Project has held over 50 initiatives and its work is currently focused on four different program areas:

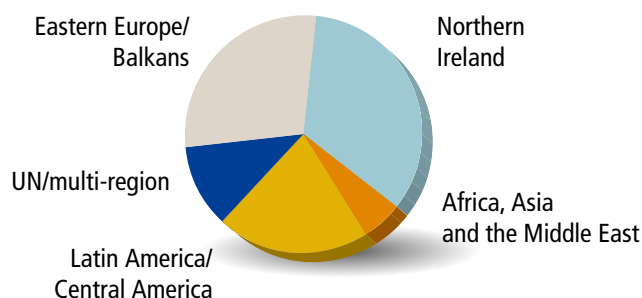
- **Preparing for Independence**, a program designed to respond to the United Nations request to broaden its civilian capacity, engagement of the public in Constitutional processes, and a homegrown donor strategy as this region embarks on the task of creating a new state. Much of this work has involved helping the Kosovar leadership prioritize and prepare to implement significant elements of

the Ahtisaari plan. The Project has been carrying out this initiative in partnership with the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the East-West Management Institute and the Center for American Progress.

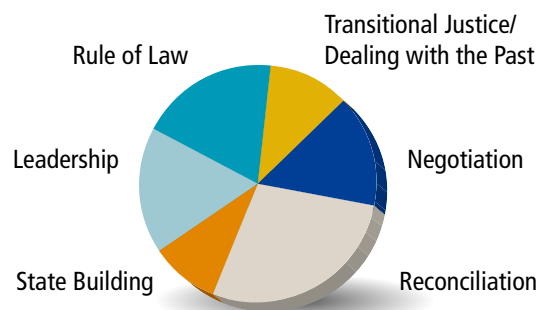
- **International Peacebuilding Support Network**, a program designed to respond to the United Nations request to broaden its civilian staffing capacity for present and future peace operations. This has involved helping UN officials improve their outreach as well as recommending individuals in our network for UN posts. The Project has partnered with the International Crisis Group and the German Mission to the UN on some of its programming in this area and has received support from the UN Foundation and DLA Piper for this work.
- **Central American Youth Leadership Initiative**, an initiative designed to promote youth leadership and engagement in addressing Central American regional challenges. In four meetings across two years civic engagement and leadership will be promoted through consideration of important regional issues such as the impact of climate change and growing youth violence in the region. While this program is still under development, partners already include FRIDE and DARA in Spain.
- **Building Consensus in Preparation for Peace**, an initiative designed to help the Colombian ELN gain a comparative perspective on verification/ cease-fire arrangements, demobilization and entry into the political system. The Project has been working closely with the Center for International Conflict Resolution at Columbia University on this program.

In order to enhance its capacity to be responsive to a growing list of requests, the Project has established several strategic partnerships. To date these include the Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University and the Center for International Conflict Resolution at Columbia University.

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* Left picture: Agim Ceku, Prime Minister of Kosovo; Wolfgang Petritsch, Austrian Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva; former President William Clinton; Frank Wisner, US Representative to the Troika Negotiations on Kosovo.

** Right picture: Father Alec Reid, Facilitator in talks leading up to the Good Friday Agreement; the late David Ervine, former paramilitary leader and PUP member of the Northern Ireland Assembly; Tom Roberts, former paramilitary leader and Director of ExPrisoners Interpretive Center, Belfast; Francisco Galán, ELN Commissioner and member of the National Directorate.