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DR. ANDREA BARTOLI SPEAKS ON “OVERCOMING VIOLENCE: FRESH APPROACHES TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST” DURING FREE PUBLIC LECTURE AT THE U.S. CAPITOL, MAY 20

MAY 5, 2010 – Washington DC – On Thursday, May 20, Dr. Andrea Bartoli will conclude the Institute for Public Service & Policy Development and Institute for Global Education’s joint spring lecture series titled “Christian Contributions to the Middle East Conflict.” Dr. Bartoli’s lecture, “Overcoming Violence: Fresh Approaches to Conflict Resolution in the Middle East” will be held in room 902 of the Hart Senate office building. The evening will begin with a networking reception at 6:30pm. Dr. Bartoli’s lecture will begin at 7:00pm and will be followed with responses from Jewish, Muslim and Orthodox Christians respondents. The networking reception and lecture are free and open to the public.

Dr. Andrea Bartoli is the Drucie French Cumbie Chair of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University. He works primarily on peacemaking and genocide prevention. The Founding Director of Columbia University’s Center for International Conflict Resolution (CICR), a Senior Research Scholar at the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), a Teaching Fellow at Georgetown University, and at the University of Siena, Dr. Bartoli has taught in the US since 1994. He is a member of the Dynamical Systems and Conflict Team and a Board member of Search for Common Ground. He has published books and articles on violence, migrations, and conflict resolution, and was co-editor of “Somalia, Rwanda and Beyond: The Role of International Media in Wars and International Crisis.”

Scheduled respondents to Dr. Bartoli are Michael Ostrolenk, Mubarak Awad, and Suhail Khan. The panel moderator will by Chris Seiple.
Michael Ostrolenk is the Director of the Transpartisan Center, an organization dedicated to bringing people across the political spectrum together to humanize the political process and find common ground. Mubarak Awad is an Adjunct Professor at American University where he teaches classes in the department of International Peace and Conflict Resolution. As a Palestinian-American psychologist and advocate of nonviolent resistance, he is also the founder of the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence in Jerusalem. Suhail Khan is the Senior Fellow for Christian-Muslim Understanding at the Institute for Global Engagement. Chris Seiple is the President of the Institute for Global Engagement.

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The Institute for Global Engagement (IGE) promotes sustainable environments for religious freedom worldwide. It studies the impact of faith on state and society, encourages governments to protect religious freedom, and equips citizens to exercise religious freedom responsibly.

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