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**Introduction to the AAI Action Agenda & the National Political Landscape**

**Dr. James Zogby (Moderator)** is President of the Arab American Institute, a Washington, DC-based nonprofit organization committed to the civic and political empowerment of Americans. In 2001, Zogby was elected to the Executive Committee of the United States Democratic National Committee (DNC). He is a senior analyst with the polling firm Zogby International, founded and managed by his brother John Zogby, and is a lecturer and scholar on Middle East issues. Zogby also serves on the Human Rights Watch Middle East Advisory Committee and on the national advisory boards of the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Immigration Forum, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

**John Zogby** is President and CEO of Zogby International, a worldwide polling, research and marketing firm based in Utica, New York, with offices in Washington D.C. and Miami. He has been the best performing pollster in past U.S. and presidential elections and has polled for Reuters, NBC News, Fox News and many other news organizations. In 1996, he was labeled the "Most Accurate Pollster" by USA Today. John has been tracking public opinion for 16 years in North America, Latin America, the Middle East, Asia and Europe. He is the author of "The Way We'll Be: The Zogby Report on the Transformation of the American Dream," which was published by Random House in August 2008 and is now available online and in bookstores.

**Advancing a Pro-Peace Agenda: Joint Session with J Street**

**Christina M. Tchen** is Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. Tchen was previously a partner in corporate litigation at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. In that capacity, Tchen represented public agencies in state and federal class actions, including the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Illinois Department of Public Aid, and the Chicago Housing Authority. Tchen is the recipient of many awards, including the Leadership Award from the Women's Bar Association of Illinois (1999); "Women of Achievement" award from the Anti-Defamation League (1996); and Chicago Lawyer "Person of the Year" (1994).

**Jeremy Ben-Ami** is Executive Director of J Street, the new "political voice of the pro-Israel, pro-peace movement". Ben-Ami has nearly twenty-five years of experience in government, politics and communications, in the United States and internationally. In 2003-4, he was Policy Director for Howard Dean's presidential campaign; in 2001, he was one of the managers of Mark Green's Mayoral campaign in New York City; and, from 1992 through 1996, he worked for former President Bill Clinton, serving for two years as the President's Deputy Domestic Policy Advisor. Ben-Ami has also been actively involved in Israeli politics and communications. In 1998, he started a consulting firm in Israel which worked with Israeli non-profit organizations and politicians. He also has served as Director of Communications and Regional Director in New York for the New Israel Fund, a foundation supporting civil rights, social justice and religious pluralism in Israel and is on the Board of Americans for Peace Now.

## **Dinner and Discussion with Arab Ambassadors**

### **Hon. George Salem (Moderator)**

George R. Salem established the Law Offices of George R. Salem, PLLC in January 2005. Mr. Salem was a partner at the law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP from 1990 until then, where he headed the firm's Middle East and U.S. Department of Labor practices. He served as solicitor of the U.S. Department of Labor during the second Reagan administration, and played key roles in the Bush-Quayle and Bush-Cheney campaigns. He co-founded the Arab American Institute in 1985 and currently serves as its Chairman.

### **H.R.H. Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein**

*Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*

Prince Zeid was previously the Kingdom's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, a post he held from 2000-2007. From 1996-2000, he was Jordan's Deputy Permanent Representative at the UN, and served as a political affairs officer in UNPROFOR in the former Yugoslavia from February 1994 to February 1996. He played a central role in the establishment of the International Criminal Court and, in September 2002, Prince Zeid was elected the first president of the governing body of the International Criminal Court—at a time when the Court was only a plan on paper. Prince Zeid holds a B.A. from The Johns Hopkins University and a Ph.D. from Cambridge (Christ's College). In 1989, he also received his commission as an officer in the Jordanian desert police (the successor to the Arab Legion) and saw service with them until 1994.

### **H.E. Maen Rashid Areikat**

*PLO Representative to the U.S.*

Prior to his appointment to Washington, Mr. Areikat served for 11 years at the Negotiations Affairs Department (NAD) of the PLO in Ramallah, most recently as Deputy Head and Coordinator General and previously as Director-General of NAD. In addition to overseeing NAD operations, Mr. Areikat supervised the work of the Negotiations Support Unit (NSU), which provides legal, policy, communication and technical support to Palestinian negotiating teams and to the Palestinian leadership, as well as to the Negotiations Secretariat that was established following the Annapolis Conference. Prior to his service at NAD, Mr. Areikat spent six years (1993-1998) at Orient House, the headquarters of the PLO in Jerusalem and of the Palestinian negotiating team to the Madrid peace talks. Mr. Areikat received his diplomatic training at the Ministry of External Affairs in Ottawa, Canada in 1993 and 1994, and completed a training course in good governance at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 2001. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Finance from Arizona State University (ASU) in 1983 and his MBA in management from Western International University in 1987.

### **H.E. Imad Moustapha**

*Ambassador of the Syrian Arab Republic*

Prior to his post as Ambassador, Imad Moustapha was Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology at the University of Damascus, and Secretary General of the Arab School for Science and Technology. He is a co-founder of the Network of Syrian Scientists, Technologists and Innovators Abroad (NOSSTIA) and an active consultant to several international and regional organizations on Science and Technology policies in the Middle East. He was also a member of the Syrian team responsible for drafting reform strategies for the ministries of Culture, Education, and Higher Education. Ambassador Moustapha has authored, co-authored and edited several books in English and Arabic, including *The Echoes of Orpheus*, *Creativity out from the Windows of Hell*, and *Concurrent Engineering*. He is also the co-author of the U.N. sponsored *Human Development Report in the Arab World*. Imad Moustapha holds a PhD in Computer Science from the University of Surrey, UK. He is fluent in both English and French, with a moderate command of German.

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### **H.E. Sameh Shoukry**

*Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt*

Ambassador Shoukry previously served as Egypt's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva as well as Egypt's Ambassador to Austria, and as Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna. The Ambassador also served as the Director of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Cabinet as Secretary for Information and follow-up for President Mubarak. As a career diplomat who joined the Egyptian Diplomatic Corps in 1976, Ambassador Shoukry served in the Egyptian Embassies in London, Buenos Aires and the Permanent Mission of Egypt in New York. He headed the department of the United States and Canada in the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and also specializes in disarmament and non-proliferation issues. Ambassador Shoukry holds a law degree from Ein Shams University.

### **H.E. Samir Sumaida'ie**

*Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq*

Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Sumaida'ie served as Permanent Representative to the United Nations and also as the Minister of Interior in Baghdad, in which capacity he managed Iraq's domestic security force and made considerable progress in reorganizing and modernizing the Ministry's operations. Ambassador Sumaida'ie has also served as a member of the Governing Council (GC) in Iraq, as Chairman of the Media Committee. He also held positions on the Security, Finance, and Foreign Relations Committees. Ambassador Sumaida'ie is a founding member of the Association of Iraqi Democrats and the Democratic Party of Iraq, and played an integral role in the founding of the Iraqi Telecoms and Media Commission and the Public Broadcasting Institution. Ambassador Sumaida'ie was born in Baghdad and resided there until 1960. He graduated from Durham University in the United Kingdom with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1965. He then returned to Iraq to work with the Baghdad Electricity Board and Iraqi Petroleum Company before leaving the country in 1973.

**Congressman Nick Rahall** of Beckley represents the Third Congressional District of West Virginia. First elected in 1976, he is currently serving his 17th term and is the Dean of the West Virginia Delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives. Rahall serves as the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and Vice Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. For more than 30 years, Rahall has built a strong record of supporting and championing the causes most important to his fellow West Virginians. He is a Congressional leader on mining-related issues, a veteran of every federal highway bill since coming to Congress, and an outspoken advocate for our men and women in uniform, our veterans, access to affordable healthcare and education, and issues specific to West Virginia. Congressman Rahall is the Dean of the Arab American Congressional Caucus.

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## **National Issues, Local Impact: Current Policy Update and Opportunities for Action**

**Maya M. Berry (Moderator)** is the Principal and co-founder of the MidAmr Group. Established in 2003, the MidAmr Group is a private consulting company based in Washington, DC with a regional office in Egypt that works to improve U.S. bilateral relations with the Arab and Muslim world on the economic, political and cultural fronts. Prior to establishing MidAmr, Berry served as the Legislative Director for the second highest-ranking Democrat in the House of Representatives, Minority Whip David E. Bonior (D-MI). In addition to overall management of legislative strategy, she was responsible for development of policy with a particular focus on international relations, human rights, trade and military affairs. Previously, she served as the Director of Government Relations for the Arab American Institute. Berry also facilitates focus groups for Zogby International – a leading polling, market research and information services firm worldwide, and is currently the guest host of Abu Dhabi TV's Viewpoint with Jim Zogby, an award winning public affairs program.

**Joseph Zogby** is Chief Counsel to Assistant Senate Majority Leader Senator Dick Durbin and Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law. Previously, Joe was Special Counsel on Post-9/11 Discrimination in the U.S. Department of Justice and Senior Trial Attorney in the Justice Department's Special Litigation Section. Prior to that, Joe was a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. He is a recipient of the Department of Justice's Special Achievement Award, the International Peace Prayer Day's Man of Peace Award, the Echoing Green Public Service Fellowship, and Georgetown University Law Center's Deborah Hauger International Public Interest Law Fellowship. Joe received a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was awarded the Robert F. Kennedy Public Service Award, and a B.A. from the University of Virginia.

**Robert Malley** is Program Director for Middle East and North Africa at the International Crisis Group in Washington, D.C., and a former Special Assistant to President Bill Clinton for Arab-Israeli Affairs (1998-2001). Prior to holding that title, he was Assistant to National Security Advisor Sandy Berger (1996-1998) and the Director for Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs at the National Security Council (1994-1996). Malley is considered an expert on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and has written extensively on this subject. As Special Assistant to President Clinton, he was a member of the U.S. peace team and helped organize the 2000 Camp David Summit.

## **A Responsible Withdrawal from Iraq: Reconciliation, Refugees and Resettlement**

**Lavinia Limón** is President and Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. Prior to coming to USCRI in August of 2001, Ms. Limón served as the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, Department of Health and Human Services during the Clinton Administration. She designed and implemented programs to assist newly arriving refugees in achieving economic and social self-sufficiency. She served simultaneously as the Director of the Office of Family Assistance for four years helping to devise policies and strategies for implementing national welfare reform. Ms. Limón has more than 30 years of experience working on behalf of immigrants and refugees.

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## **Crossing the Line? Information Collection, Profiling and Civil Liberties at U.S. Borders**

**Gregory T. Nojeim** is Senior Counsel at the Center for Democracy & Technology and the Director of its Project on Freedom, Security & Technology. CDT is a Washington-based non-profit organization dedicated to promoting democratic values and constitutional liberties in the digital age. In this capacity, Mr. Nojeim conducts much of CDT's work in the areas of national security, terrorism, and Fourth Amendment protections. Nojeim is also Co-Chair of the Coordinating Committee on National Security and Civil Liberties of the Individual Rights and Responsibilities Section of the American Bar Association. Prior to joining CDT in May 2007, Mr. Nojeim was for five years a Legislative Counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union and for seven years the Associate Director and Chief Legislative Counsel of the ACLU Washington Legislative Office. Mr. Nojeim also served for four years the Director of Legal Services of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), where he conducted much of ADC's work in the immigration, civil rights, and human rights areas.

### **Special Remarks**

#### **Gen. James Jones, USMC (Ret), National Security Advisor to the President**

General James Jones, USMC (Ret) was appointed National Security Advisor to the President on January 20, 2009. General Jones previously served as president and chief executive officer of the U.S. Chamber Institute for 21st Century Energy. From July 1999 to January 2003, General Jones was the 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps. After relinquishing command as Commandant, he assumed the positions of Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR) and Commander of the United States European Command (USEUCOM), positions he held until December 2006. General Jones retired from active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps on February 1st, 2007, after more than 40 years of uniformed service to the nation. On November 28, 2007, General Jones was appointed as the State Department's Special Envoy for Middle East Regional Security. In this capacity, he worked with Israeli and Palestinian officials in furthering the Peace Process – focused on the full range of security issues in order to strengthen security for both sides.

General Jones spent his formative years in France, returning to the United States to attend Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, from which he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1966. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps in January 1967 and, later that year was ordered to the Republic of Vietnam where he served as a Platoon and Company Commander. In addition to having been awarded national and international military awards, General Jones received a Bachelor of Science degree (1966) and an Honorary Doctorate of Letters (2002) from Georgetown University. In June 1985, he graduated from the National War College in Washington, D.C.