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Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to Speak at The Fund for Peace Vice Presidents Luncheon

February 5, 2003, Washington, D.C. - Former President of Ireland Mary Robinson will speak at The Fund for Peace's Human Rights and Business Roundtable's Annual Vice Presidents Luncheon. The Luncheon will be held from 12:00-2:00 pm on February 19th at the Ritz Carlton in Washington, D.C. Mary Robinson, Director of the Ethical Globalization Initiative, will deliver a lecture entitled "Human Rights and Corporate Accountability."

Mrs. Robinson recently completed her term as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-2002). She now directs the Ethical Globalization Initiative, a new organization seeking to integrate human rights norms and standards into a more ethical globalization process and to support local and national human rights and capacity building efforts.

Drawing on her experience and leadership in the field of human rights and her extensive network of contacts among world leaders, her discussion will inform the policy and business communities, as well as the general public, about corporate accountability from a human rights perspective.

The audience will include high-level corporate executives and senior leaders from the NGO and foreign affairs communities. The Roundtable convenes at least one of these meetings each year to expand the network of relationships within these communities, identify expertise, and learn how to better navigate the human rights and globalization challenges of the future.

This year's luncheon is made possible by the generous sponsorship of the International Center for Corporate Accountability (ICCA), a newly formed, not-for-profit organization operating under the umbrella of the Zicklin School of Business of Baruch College at City University of New York.

For registration information and to purchase tickets, please contact Lauren Berry of The Fund for Peace at 202-223-7940 ext. 206 or per e-mail at lberry@fundforpeace.org.

Notes to Editors:

Launched in 1997, The Fund for Peace Human Rights and Business Roundtable is the first forum designed for multinational businesses and human rights organizations to discuss issues of common concern in an atmosphere of mutual respect, trust and confidentiality. From each of its Plenary sessions the Roundtable attempts to extract "lessons learned" and "best practices"—providing its members with preventive and practical tools to navigate today's human rights challenges. Please visit our website at: http://www.fundforpeace.org/programs/hrbrt/hrbrt.php.

The International Center for Corporate Accountability (ICCA) is an academically affiliated organization that will undertake independent field research on different aspects of corporate governance and accountability. It is an extension of an innovative ethics program begun at Mattel Corporation to create a stringent set of standards focused on workers' wages, working and living conditions and employee access to management. ICCA's board of directors have extensive knowledge and experience in developing countries in issues pertaining to children, poverty, and working conditions. For more information on ICCA, please contact its Director, S. Prakash Sethi, at (646) 312-3103 or prakash_sethi@baruch.cuny.edu or its Director of Communications, Professor Charles Riley, at (646) 312-4021 or charles_riley@baruch.cuny.edu.