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**Chairman Shays to Hold September 26 Hearing on
Current Nuclear Proliferation Challenges**

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations will convene an oversight hearing to examine the importance of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and appropriate steps to strengthen the nonproliferation regime.

Dr. Hans Blix, Chairman, The Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission (WMDC) will discuss the findings and recommendations of the WMDC covered in the Commission's book entitled, *Weapons of Mass Terror: Freeing the World of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Arms*. Dr. Blix will focus on nuclear proliferation and enforcement of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

The hearing will examine the importance of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) and the appropriate steps needed to strengthen the NPT regime. Witnesses from the Departments of State and Defense, the Government Accountability Office (GAO), as well as experts in the field of nuclear nonproliferation will address the following questions:

- What steps should be taken to strengthen compliance under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty?
- Why has the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty failed to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons?
- Why do some countries lack confidence in the non-proliferation regime?

- How does unilateralism versus multilateralism approaches to global security affect prospects for the abolition of nuclear weapons?
- To what extent have non-proliferation sanctions affected the policies of rogue regimes?

The hearing, *Weapons of Mass Destruction: Current Nuclear Proliferation Challenges* is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26 at 2:00 pm in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC.

WITNESS LIST

Weapons of Mass Destruction: Current Nuclear Proliferation Challenges

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PANEL ONE

Dr. Hans Blix, Chairman
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