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Senator Timothy Wirth Plenary Address

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55th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES SENATOR TIMOTHY WIRTH PLENARY:

"Post-Conflict Iraq: Where Do We Go From Here"

(Boulder) – April 4, 2003 – **Senator Timothy Wirth** (bio attached), president of the United Nations Foundation and Better World Fund, will deliver his plenary address *Post-Conflict in Iraq: Where We Go From Here* at 1:30pm on Monday, April 7 in Macky Auditorium on the University of Colorado's Boulder campus. This session, as with all CWA events during the week, is free and open to the public.

"By the end of the Iraq war, the United States will have made a huge commitment in lives, treasure, and political capital. Post-war decisions will take account of these commitments. But they must also recognize the size and complexity of the tasks that lie ahead. We must also bring in partners from around the world, heal the fissures between the US, the UN and other international institutions, and draw upon the talents, energy, and resources of global civil society to create structures for a just and durable peace for the Iraqi people and the wider region," says Wirth.

The United Nations Foundation and Better World Fund were founded in 1998 through a major financial commitment from R.E. Turner to support and strengthen the work of the United Nations. As president of the UN Foundation since its inception, Wirth has organized and led the formulation of the foundation's mission and program priorities, which include the environment, women and population, children's health, peace, security and human rights. The foundation also engages in extensive public advocacy, resource mobilization and institutional strengthening efforts on behalf of the UN.

Wirth began his political career as a White House Fellow under President Lyndon Johnson and was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Education in the Nixon Administration. He served as Congressman from 1975 to 1987, representing Colorado's Second District, and concentrating his efforts in the areas of communications technology and budget policy. In 1987, Wirth was elected to the U.S. Senate where he focused on environmental issues, especially global climate change and population stabilization.

Every year in April approximately 100 participants representing a wide range of backgrounds gather on the University of Colorado's Boulder campus for the Conference on World Affairs. The *New York Times* refers to the CWA as "a week-long extravaganza of discussion and debate" with over 200 non-academic, cross-disciplinary panels, plenary sessions and performances attended by an audience of about 40,000.

For further information, feel free to contact Ramsay Thurber at 303.492.2526, or e-mail the Conference on World Affairs at cwa@colorado.edu. The full CWA schedule and a biographical listing of all our participants is now online at: www.colorado.edu/cwa

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Timothy E. Wirth

Timothy Wirth is the president of the United Nations Foundation and Better World Fund. These organizations were founded in 1998 through a major financial commitment from R.E. Turner to support and strengthen the work of the United Nations.

Wirth began his political career as a White House Fellow under President Lyndon Johnson and was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Education in the Nixon Administration. In 1975, Wirth returned to his home state and successfully ran for the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Colorado's Second Congressional District from 1975 to 1987. In the House, he concentrated his efforts in the areas of communications technology and budget policy. In 1987, Wirth was elected to the U.S. Senate where he focused on environmental issues, especially global climate change and population stabilization. After a successful term, Wirth chose not to run for re-election.

Following those two decades of elected politics, Wirth served in the U.S. Department of State as the first Undersecretary for Global Affairs from 1993 to 1997. In this position he coordinated U.S. foreign policy in the areas of refugees, population, environment, science, human rights and narcotics.

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Prior to entering politics, Wirth was in private business in Colorado. He is a graduate of Harvard College and holds a Ph.D. from Stanford University. The recipient of numerous awards and honorary degrees, he also served as a member of the Harvard Board of Overseers. Wirth is married to Wren Wirth, the president of the Winslow Foundation. They have two grown children.