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### **Fulbright Scholar Delegation Participate in US Airforce Academy's Assembly on Dismantling Terrorism**

New York City, February 5, 2008 – This morning at 4:30 am, a delegation of 18 Fulbright scholars and other international students met at LaGuardia Airport and boarded a plane headed for Colorado Springs, CO. They are part of an international student delegation organized by Metro International, a New York City based not for profit educational organization, to attend the Air Force Academy's 50<sup>th</sup> Academy Assembly from February 5 to 8. This year's Assembly topic is *Dismantling Terrorism: Developing Actionable Solutions for Today's Plague of Violence*. The 18 international students, hand selected by Metro International, represent the following countries: Iraq, Jordan, Israel, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Turkey, Albania, Indonesia, Poland, Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina, Scotland and Poland. They are studying at colleges and universities in the greater New York area including: New York University, the New School, Columbia University, Yale University and Rutgers University.

Delegates will take part in daily round table discussions that will hopefully produce fresh, new perspectives on the difficult question of terrorism and how best to strengthen the world against current and future threats. As Tracy Snyder, Executive Director of Metro International points out, "Metro International's delegation plays a special role in this Assembly by adding a critical international perspective to the student deliberations and discussions. Metro delegates enrich the conference with their various national and cultural perspectives, as well as their academic experience." Many of the international delegates have experienced first hand the devastating effects of terrorism and have survived many attacks. Ghalib Al-jibara, a Metro International student delegate and medical doctor from Iraq says, "I used to deal with the injured and wounded violence victims every single day. I know exactly how terrorism and violence can destroy people's lives and I would be glad to take any opportunity to stand against these horrible actions."

A report containing the suggestions devised by the student Assembly will be sent to Congress, The Department of Defense, CIA, and other academic and government institutions capable of enacting change in international policy and counter terrorism strategy.

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Metro International was founded in 1977 to provide international undergraduate and graduate students with a bridge between their isolated campus environments and the broader New York community. Out of this early effort grew a series of orientation programs and publications designed to help international students cope with the unique demands of living and studying in New York City. Thirty years later, Metro International continues to offer a wide array of programs and services that encourage face-to-face personal interaction that transforms citizens of many nations into citizens of one world. For more information go to [www.metrointl.org](http://www.metrointl.org)