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**An Evening with Dr. Hans Blix**  
**Former UN Chief Inspector for Weapons of Mass Destruction**

**OTTAWA – The United Nations Association in Canada is honouring Dr. Hans Blix at a special dinner in Toronto on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.** The evening will focus attention on nuclear disarmament - as the Association looks to October 24<sup>th</sup> - UN Day and the beginning of the UN Disarmament Week - at a time of heightened global concerns about nuclear threats and risks.

Dr. Blix's life has been one centred in international service and a firm commitment to, and leadership on, international peace and disarmament through multilateral cooperation and action, especially through the United Nations. Surely best known as the UN chief inspector for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, Dr. Blix started his diplomatic career in his homeland of Sweden – first as an Associate Professor in International Law at Stockholm University, then as an Advisor on International Law to the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then, from 1963 to 1979 as a Senior Minister in several Government Departments.

Dr. Blix began his career at the United Nations as Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency from 1981 to 1997. He later served as Executive Chairman of the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) from March 2000 to June 2003. Currently, he is the Executive Chairman of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission, and he is also the current President of the World Federation of United Nations Associations.

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 23, 2007  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
(cameras should be in place by 7:15)  
**PLACE:** The Arcadia Court  
401 Bay Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

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**The pre-dinner presentations are open to the media.**  
**A limited number of personal interviews may be arranged.**

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