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KATHRYN WHITE

Kathryn White assumed the position as Executive Director of the United Nations Association in Canada in December 2003. For the previous twenty-five years, Kate White had been the President of Black & White Inc. an Ottawa-based international consultancy specializing in risk management, policy research and development, citizen engagement on foreign, social and security policy. She has published widely and has been recognized nationally and internationally for her innovative work on issues ranging from youth-at-risk, climate change, disaster and crisis response and mitigation, corporate social responsibility,

international peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

Kate's mobilizing of civil society, government and the private sector in the peace community in Cyprus was a catalyst for the Annan Accord; she has published on the role of protest in building democracy from research on protesters to the Canadian G8 Summit and on the Senator George Mitchell review of the Good Friday Peace Agreement in Northern Ireland; she continues to provide subject matter expertise to the National Strategic Studies Course – the prestigious and most senior course for the Canadian Forces. She also developed the first national emergency public information course; added the media and media training as an integral component of the peacekeeping partnership theory. She has advocated as an activist for gender equity, human rights, the environment and civil engagement.

Kate has also worked as a journalist and news manager – writing on science and medicine for the Globe & Mail, the New York Times and the New Scientist and as Managing Editor of the Canadian Review magazine.

Kate developed the first Canadian national emergency public information course for first responders and elected officials. She has developed and delivered executive media training and has developed programs for journalists on disaster response and on identifying community sources reflecting Canada's diversity.

Her undergraduate studies were in political science and English. Her graduate studies were in sociology. Among her voluntary sector commitments, Ms White was the National President of UNIFEM Canada for some 8 years, prior to taking up her current position with UNA-Canada.