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March 9, 2009—Will the newly nominated Assistant Secretary of Terrorist Financing consider a new direction for treatment of charities and foundations? On Friday, March 20, 2009, the Charity and Security Network will host **Friend Not Foe: How the Work of Charities Counters Terror**; panel guests will discuss how charities reduce the threat of terror by providing critical services to millions and how security measures impede their work. A Q & A period will follow.

**Speakers are:**

- **Overview:** Alistair Miller, Vice-President, Fourth Freedom Forum
- **International experience:** These speakers are part of a delegation traveling to Colombia, where they will be directly engaged in conflict resolution work aimed at the violence between FARC and the government. International guests sponsored by **Cordaid**.
  - Rana Nashashibi, Director, Palestinian Counseling Center
  - Olga Amparo Sánchez, Director of Casa de La Mujer in Bogotá, Colombia
- **U.S. experience:** The representatives from U.S. organizations have broad experience with the negative impacts of policies at the Dept. of Treasury and USAID.
  - Rob Buchanan, Managing Director, International Programs, Council on Foundations
  - Evan Elliott, Advocacy Coordinator, InterAction

By providing humanitarian aid, development and advocacy programs, charities are valuable allies for countering terrorism. But rather than embracing their efforts, national security regulatory and policy barriers restrict their programs.

When: **Friday March 20, 2009**

8:30- 9:00 am: Registration and light breakfast served

9:00- 10:30 am: Panel Discussion

Where: **National Press Club, Zenger Room**

529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor

Washington, DC 20045

The event is open to the public. Please RSVP at [info@charityandsecurity.org](mailto:info@charityandsecurity.org)

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