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U.S., German, Canadian, Brazilian Defense Ministers will participate this weekend at the Halifax International Security Forum

~Secretary Gates, Minister zu Guttenberg, Minister MacKay, and Minister Jobim to join policymakers from around the world to discuss pressing international security challenges, from Afghanistan to Nuclear Security~

The [German Marshall Fund](#), in cooperation with the [Government of Canada](#), will host the inaugural [Halifax International Security Forum](#) on November 20-22, 2009, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

This major international conference will be the first of its kind on the North American continent. Serious conferences about regional and global security have traditionally been held outside of the United States and Canada—until now. Today's new dangers require new thinking and solutions, and Halifax Forum is the new venue to explore serious policy alternatives.

Over two days, global leaders in politics, government, business, academia, and media will participate in an interactive, informal setting for in-depth debate and intellectual exchange on pressing strategic issues. Halifax Forum invites you to participate virtually via the Halifax Forum website, where video of public sessions will be streamed live and where transcripts and video will be posted following each session as soon as they are available. GMF will also be tweeting the conference throughout the weekend.

In preparation for the Halifax International Security Forum, GMF has released a series of Halifax Forum Papers by distinguished scholars that tackle themes related to Halifax Forum sessions. Paper topics include: Afghanistan, Arctic security, climate change, Japan, maritime security, and nuclear non-proliferation.

The Twitter hashtag for the event will be #HISF, and GMF will be tweeting [@gmfus](#).
