GOVERNMENT TO DELAY INTEGRATED SECURITY REVIEW – OPPORTUNITY FOR RADICAL CHANGE


Rethinking Security Co-ordinator Richard Reeve said:

“While the delay is the right thing to do in light of the current crisis, it is also a huge opportunity to do things differently.

“The current situation highlights that health and economic security are crucial factors in any national security strategy. Threats from global pandemics, climate breakdown and inequality cannot be met with a military response. Nor can they be mitigated without broad international cooperation.

“We have always said that there should be a period of public consultation before the review begins. Now, more than ever, citizens want to have their say on what security looks like, and how we can work together to build positive peace.

“Putting the wellbeing of people at home and abroad at the centre of the UK’s approach to security should be the driving force behind this Review. “

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Notes to Editors

1. Rethinking Security Co-ordinator, Richard Reeve is available for comment – 07811 362054
2. The Rethinking Security media page and factsheet is at www.rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/media
4. About Rethinking Security:
   • Short description – Rethinking Security is a network of peace and security experts.
   • Long description – Rethinking Security is a network of organisations, academics and activists working together for security based on justice, co-operation and sustainability.
5. Member organisations:
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Campaign For Nuclear Disarmament
Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy
Conciliation Resources
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Movement for the Abolition of War
Oxford Research Group
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