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**Congressman Christopher Shays to Convene May 13 Hearing on**

***“HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING MILITARY  
OPERATIONS: OVERCOMING BARRIERS ”***

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (CT-4), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations will convene an oversight hearing to examine problems encountered by nongovernmental organizations providing humanitarian assistance in the wake of a military conflict and prospects for overcoming such difficulties.

Humanitarian assistance following military operations is provided to save lives, alleviate suffering, and mitigate the impact of emergency situations. In any post war environment, nongovernmental organizations encounter difficulties providing humanitarian assistance to noncombatants. Some of these difficulties include concerns about security of aid workers, coordination of humanitarian efforts, assessing specific needs of noncombatants, and lack of logistical capacity to get humanitarian assistance to the people. The hearing will attempt to address these and other questions involving humanitarian assistance.

The Tuesday, May 13, 2003 hearing will convene at 2:00 p.m. in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

## **Witnesses**

### **Panel I**

#### **Lieutenant General Jay Garner (Retired)**

Director  
Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance  
Department of Defense

Mr. Richard Greene  
Principal Deputy Assistant  
Bureau of Population, Refugee and Migration  
Department of State

#### **Mr. Roger Winter**

Assistant Administrator  
Bureau of Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance  
US Agency for International Development

### **Panel II**

#### **Mr. Curtis R. Welling**

President and CEO  
AmeriCares

#### **Mr. George C. Biddle**

Senior Vice President  
International Rescue Committee

#### **Mr. Rudy Von Bernuth**

Vice President and Managing Director  
Children in Emergencies and Crisis  
Save the Children

#### **Representative**

World Vision