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Address: Clingendael 7, 2597 VH The Hague, Netherlands.

Website: <http://www.clingendael.nl>

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Peterson Institute for International Economics

Founded 1981. Private, non-profit, non-partisan research institution devoted to the study of international economic policy. Research encompasses country and regional studies, debt and development, globalization, international finance and macroeconomics, international trade and investment, and US economic policy.

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Website: <http://www.iie.com>

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Pew Research Center

Founded 2004. Non-partisan, non-profit fact tank that provides information on the issues, attitudes and trends shaping America and the world through public opinion polling, demographic studies, media content analysis and other empirical social science research.

Address: 1615 L St., NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C., 20036, USA.

Website: <http://pewresearch.org>

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Address: 1776 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401-3208, USA.

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President: Michael D. Rich.

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Founded in 1966 by the Swedish parliament. Independent international institute dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament. Compiles detailed studies on multilateral peace operations, military expenditure, arms transfers and arms embargoes.

Address: Signalistgatan 9, SE-169 72 Solna, Sweden.

Website: <http://www.sipri.org>

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Transparency International

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