

## **CMG NEWSLETTER June 2002**

### Israeli-Palestinian Peace Partners Program

An initial training workshop for three Palestinian and two Israeli negotiation advisors in April 2001 provided an opportunity for Camp David and Taba negotiators to review what went wrong and what they would do differently next time. An enlarged training agenda developed by the "Cambridge Five" (as the first workshop alumni dubbed themselves) is now being implemented. Notwithstanding escalating violence in the Middle East, successful training sessions took place in January 2002 in Vienna and Israel/Occupied Territories. With more training activities for peace process negotiators on the agenda, CMG plans also to bring the same conflict managing skills to Israeli and Palestinian constituency elements.

Two individual contributors to this Program have undertaken to obtain commitments of more than \$1 million to complement their own combined pledge of \$150,000 a year for three years. A US State Department grant and in-kind contributions from the Governments of Austria, the City of Vienna and Vantage Partners complement the individual philanthropy.



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