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PROTECTING OUR CITIES FROM TERRORIST, ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER THREATS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

(Vancouver – May 12, 2004) “**Our survival depends on the survival of all cities.** By 2050, it is projected that 75% of the world’s population will live in cities. Global warming, air pollution, overflowing landfills, water shortages, disease and global conflict will be the legacy unless we move quickly towards sustainability,” said Lloyd Axworthy, senior associate of the Liu Institute for Global Issues at the University of British Columbia.

The Liu Institute in collaboration with Western Economic Diversification Canada and VanCity Savings release *The Secure City*, addressing the creation of homegrown solutions and of supportive policies at the regional, national and global levels.

The report is in preparation for the World Urban Forum, coming to Vancouver, Canada in 2006. The purpose of the Forum is to engage people in discussions about urban sustainability and to create significant change across generations in the field of sustainable development.

To view the entire report in English and in French go to www.ligi.ubc.ca

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