



## **Ambassador John R. Bolton to Speak on Current Tensions in the Middle East**

CLEVELAND, Ohio (August 20, 2010) – John R. Bolton, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, will speak on “Middle East as a Priority and Emerging Trouble Spots in the World” on Wednesday, September 29, 2010, at the Shaker Heights Country Club (3300 Courtland Boulevard, Shaker Heights). The event is organized by the Cleveland Council on World Affairs and supported by its Independent Opinion Fund.

Bolton is known for having strong opinions and has commented in the media recently about a potential conflict between Israel and Iran. He told Fox Business Network that "Iran will have achieved something that no other opponent of Israel, no other enemy of the United States really in the Middle East has, and that is a functioning nuclear reactor." He also added that he believes Israel had until the weekend to launch a military strike on Iran's first nuclear plant before the humanitarian risk of an attack becomes too great.

Bolton currently serves as a foreign policy senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and as a contributor to FOX News Channel. His op-ed articles are regularly featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Times*.

The event begins with a reception at 6:00 p.m. at the Shaker Heights Country Club (3300 Courtland Boulevard, Shaker Heights) followed by the lecture and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Admission is 90\$ for registrants after August 10, 2010. The price for lecture only is \$45.

### **About the Cleveland Council on World Affairs**

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