

OBITUARY

Sir Michael Quinlan



Delhi Policy Group is saddened by the news of the death of Sir Michael Quinlan on 26th February '09, at the age of 78. He was the leading civilian thinker within the British government on defence policy, particularly nuclear issues, and a strong believer in the value of deterrence. After his retirement from the civil service, he maintained his interest in these issues and developed his reputation as a commentator. He worked closely with the International Institute of Strategic Studies, London. He was admired in India and abroad for the quality of his analysis expressed in a unique style. His last publication, *Thinking About Nuclear Weapons: Principles, Problems, Prospects* (2009), will remain relevant to policymakers.

Sir Michael Quinlan had visited the Delhi Policy Group on several occasions, and addressed audiences in the DPG and also in its seminars. His contribution to thinking on nuclear matters in the Indian strategic community was significant. Sir Michael Quinlan was a much admired friend of Lt. Gen. (Retd.) V. R. Raghavan, Director, Delhi Policy Group. His expertise will be widely missed by the international strategic community.