

#### **Handout 4: Citizen**

You are playing yourself – an ordinary citizen – in this exercise. Your task is to formulate a specific course of action to help ensure that – when it comes to the issue of international terrorism (or the “war on terrorism”) – your political voice will be heard and your interests properly represented. Toward that end, consider the following questions:

- Should military force be used to respond to international terrorism? Why?
- What alternatives to military force are available? Are any of these more effective than military force? Why?
- Is it better to act alone or in concert with other individuals? Why? What are the practical implications of your answer?
- Should you encourage your government’s involvement in response to international terrorism? Why or why not? If so, in what capacity? How will you accomplish this? If not, what do you propose in lieu of state action?
- In what ways can you capitalize on the dynamics and processes of socially constructed IR and global civil society to help ensure that your political voice is heard?
- What are the one or two easiest, but important steps you can take as an individual to help ensure that international terrorism is addressed effectively? Why?
- What are the one or two most difficult, yet necessary steps you can take as an individual to help ensure that international terrorism is addressed effectively? Why?
- What will you (personally) do now? Why? How?