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Mr. Amar BHATTACHARYA, an Indian national, has been Director of the G-24 since 2007. Previously he was Senior Advisor for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network at the World Bank. In this capacity, he was responsible for coordinating the World Bank’s work on international financial architecture. Since joining the World Bank in 1979, he has had a long-standing involvement in East Asia, including as division chief for country operations in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific, and chief officer for creditworthiness. He was team leader of a special World Bank study that examined the policy implications of private capital flows and financial integration for developing countries, and was part of the World Bank's senior team focusing on the East Asia crisis. Prior to joining the World Bank, he worked as an international economist with the First National Bank of Chicago.



Dr. Kevin CASAS-ZAMORA is a Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy and in Brookings' Latin America Initiative. Prior to joining Brookings, he was Minister of National Planning and Economic Policy and Second Vice-President of the Republic of Costa Rica from 2006-2007. He was selected as Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2007. He has worked as an international consultant in the field of campaign finance, as program officer at the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress, and as General Coordinator of the United Nations Development Program's National Human Development Report for Costa Rica. He holds a Law

degree from the University of Costa Rica, as well as Masters and PhD degrees in Political Science from the University of Essex and University of Oxford respectively. He has authored several studies on political finance, elections, democratisation, and civil-military relations in Latin America. His doctoral thesis, "Paying for Democracy in Latin America: Political Finance and State Subsidies for Parties in Costa Rica and Uruguay", won the 2004 Jean Blondel PhD Prize of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) and was published in 2005 by the ECPR.



Mr. Joseph CIRINCIONE is President of Ploughshares Fund, a global security foundation. He previously served as Vice President at the Center for American Progress and Director for Non-proliferation at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He is the author of *Bomb Scare: The History and Future of Nuclear Weapons* and *Deadly Arsenals: Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Threats*. He worked for nine years in the US House of Representatives on the professional staff of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Government Operations, and he has also held positions at the Henry L. Stimson

Center, the US Information Agency and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He is the author of hundreds of articles on nuclear weapons issues, the producer of two DVDs, a frequent commentator in the media, and he appeared in the film *Why We Fight*. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



President Cui LIRU is currently the President of the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), a position he has held since 2005. He graduated in 1976 from the English and American Literature Department of Fudan University, Shanghai. From 1980 to 1983 he was Assistant Researcher in the Division of North American Studies at the CICIR. He was Visiting Scholar at the State University of New York in Albany from 1984 to 1985, when he returned to the CICIR to take up a position as Deputy Director and Associate Research Professor at the Division of North American Studies, which was followed by a post

as Director and Associate Research Professor of the Division for International Exchanges from 1990 to 1991. He was Counsellor at the PRC Mission to United Nations Headquarters in New York from 1992 to 1994. The following year he served as Director and Research Professor of the Division of North American Studies at CICIR. From 1996 until 2004 he was Director General and Research Professor at the Institute of World Information at the State Information Center in Beijing.



Ms. Cinnamon DORNSIFE is currently serving as Acting Director, International Development Program at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University. She is a senior executive, negotiator and advocate with nearly thirty years experience in international banking, economic development and foreign policy. Over the past five years, she has served as a Senior Advisor to several non-profit organizations including First Voice International and Forest Trends, in areas including socially responsible investments and expanding partnerships. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Development Executive Group and the World Trade Partnership, as well as the Board of Advisors for the US-Indonesia Society and the UN Association of the National Capital Area. She consults in the fields of development policy, aid effectiveness, strategic philanthropy, international financial policy and sustainable economic development. In 2000 and 2001, she was the US Executive Director and Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Her prior experience also includes thirteen years with The Asia Foundation, including five years as Washington Representative.



Dr. Daniel S. HAMILTON is the Richard von Weizsäcker Professor and Founding Director of the Center for Transatlantic Relations at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Johns Hopkins University, named by *Foreign Policy* magazine as one of the “Top 30 Global Go-To Think Tanks” in 2009. He also serves as Executive Director of the American Consortium for EU Studies. He is the host of The Washington Post/Newsweek International’s online discussion feature *Next Europe*. He has held a variety of senior positions in the US Department of State, including Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, US Special Coordinator for Southeast European Stabilization, Associate Director of the Secretary’s Policy Planning Staff, and Director for Policy in the Bureau of European Affairs. In 2008 he served as the first Robert Bosch Foundation Senior Diplomatic Fellow in the German Foreign Office. He is currently coordinating a project on “Forging a Strategic US-EU Partnership” together with the Czech, Swedish and Spanish EU Presidencies and a group of US and European think tanks.



Ms. Eveline HERFKENS is the founder of the U.N. Millennium Campaign. From 1998 to 2002 she was the Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation. In 2002, she was appointed by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan as his Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals Campaign. Since 2008, she has continued her involvement in the Campaign on a volunteer basis. She also Chairs the Governing Board of the International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development in Geneva, Switzerland, is a member of the Governing Board of the African Centre for Economic Transformation in Accra, Ghana and of the Governing Board of the International Partnership for Microbicides in Washington DC. She previously served as a member of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization. Before becoming a Minister, she served as Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands in Geneva from 1996 to 1998 and was a member of the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank Group in Washington DC from 1990 to 1996. She was a Member of Dutch Parliament from 1981 to 1990 and worked in the Ministry for Development Cooperation from 1976 to 1980. Over her long career, she has authored many articles and op-eds on such topics as aid, trade and development.



Mr. Paul W. JONES has served as Deputy to the Special Representative and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Afghanistan and Pakistan since February 2009. He is a career member of the State Department's Senior Foreign Service. He has served in a variety of challenging assignments in Asia, Europe and Latin America. As Deputy Chief of Mission and Charge d'Affaires in the Philippines, he coordinated 30 USG agencies, implementing counter-terrorism, poverty reduction and business development programs. He led an interagency team to support peace talks with Muslim insurgents, and negotiated personally with insurgent leaders in jungle camps. Prior assignments include Deputy Chief of the US Mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and Deputy Chief of Mission in Macedonia during the refugee crisis resulting from the Kosovo conflict. He has also served in Colombia and Russia. In Washington, he twice served on the staff of the Secretary of State, as Director of the Secretariat Staff and in the 24-hour Operations Center. He graduated from Cornell University and received Master's degrees from the University of Virginia and the Naval War College.



Mr. Daniel KEOHANE is Senior Research Fellow at the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) in Paris where he specialises in EU security and defence policy (ESDP), counter-terrorism, and the defence industry. He was previously Senior Research Fellow for security and defence policy at the Centre for European Reform (CER) in London, and a research associate at the Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, in Washington DC. He also worked at the Aspen Institute in Berlin. He is the EUISS representative on the executive academic board of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) and was a co-opted member of the committee of the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) from 2003 to 2006. He has given evidence about EU security and defence policy to the Oireachtas Sub-Committee on Ireland's future in the European Union, the Sub-Committee on Defence and Security of the European Parliament and to the UK House of Commons Defence Committee. He has written articles for journals such as *Survival*, *the Journal of Common Market Studies*, *the International Spectator*, *Défense Nationale*, *Studia Diplomatica*, *NATO Review* and *Aspenia*.



Dr. Bassma KODMANI is the Executive Director of the Arab Reform Initiative, a consortium of Arab policy research institutes with partners in Europe and the US working collaboratively on reforms and democratic transitions in the Arab world. She is also Associate Research Fellow at the Centre d'Études et de Recherche Internationales (CERI) at Sciences-Po in Paris, and senior adviser of the Académie Diplomatique Internationale in Paris. From 1999 to 2005 she headed the Governance and International Cooperation program at the Ford Foundation office for the Middle East and North Africa based in Cairo, where she was responsible for providing support to research institutions, NGOs and public agencies in the region, and where she had special responsibility for initiating and supporting joint Israeli-Palestinian projects and Track II meetings. Prior to moving to Cairo, she established and directed the Middle East Program at the Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI) in Paris from 1981 to 1998 and was Associate Professor of International Relations at Paris University. She holds a PhD in Political Science from Sciences-Po. She has authored books and articles on conflicts in the Middle East, regional security,

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Mr. Jan KNUTSSON is currently Director General for International Development Cooperation at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA). His previous diplomatic assignments have taken him to Washington DC where he served as the Political Counsellor at the Swedish Embassy from 1997 to 2001, and also to Paris, Moscow and Beijing. He was a member of the Policy Planning Staff at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm from 1992 to 1995. Before taking up his post in Washington DC he was Deputy Head of the Department of European Security Policy at the MFA. During 2002, he was a member of the Task Force for Reform of the Government Offices. Before taking up his current position in November 2006, he was Deputy Director General and Head of Department for Global Security Issues (UN Affairs, Conflict Management, Humanitarian Affairs, and Counter-Terrorism). He has been a research assistant at the Stockholm Institute for Soviet and East European Economies, and published a book about China. He holds a Master's degree from the Stockholm School of Economics. He was born in 1958, is married to Eva and has four children.



Professor Radha KUMAR, Director of the Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Jamia Millia Islamia University, and trustee of the Delhi Policy Group, is a specialist on ethnic conflicts and peace processes. Formerly Senior Fellow in Peace and Conflict Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York (1999-2003), she has also been Executive Director of the Helsinki Citizen's Assembly in Prague (1992-4) and an Associate Fellow at the Institute for War and Peace Studies at Columbia University (1996-8). She holds a PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi and an MA and BA from Cambridge University. Her books include *Negotiating Peace in Deeply Divided Societies: A Set of Simulations* (Sage, 2009), *Making Peace with Partition* (Penguin, 2005), *Divide and Fall? Bosnia in the Annals of Partition* (Verso Books, 1997), and *A History of Doing: Movements for Women's Rights and Feminism in India, 1900-1990* (Kali for Women; Verso Books, 1993). Her articles have been published in *Foreign Affairs*, *the Centre for European Policy Studies*, *the World Policy Journal*, *Kulturausch*, *the Brown Journal of World Affairs*, *Feminist Review*, *the Indian Economic and Social History Review*, *the Economic and Political Weekly* and *Seminar*.



Mr. Göran LENNMARKER is the Chairman of The Swedish Committee on Foreign Affairs (Moderat Party) and President Emeritus of the OSCE PA. He was elected to parliament in 1991, and has been a member and alternate member of several committees, the council, the OSCE mission, the Military Advisory Board and Community Board. Together with Sören Lekberg he represented the Swedish Parliament in drafting the European Convention. From 2004 to 2006 he was the Chairman of the Constitutional Committee and led the televised hearings on the government's actions following the tsunami disaster. Shortly after the 2006 election, he was chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs, but when Sören Tolgfors was appointed Minister of Commerce, he took over his post as Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee. He is also chairman of the Defense Commission. He has pursued many different topics as a Member of

Parliament. In 2005 he requested in a motion that the government ought to revise the constitution to clarify the boundary between public power and the individual, to develop the separation of powers by strengthening parliament, and to revitalise democracy through new rules for elections and forming government.



Mr. Stefano MANSERVISI has been Director General for Development of the European Commission since November 2004. In this capacity, he contributes to the formulation, by the Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid, of the European Union's development cooperation policy around the world, and oversees the programming of EU development assistance in the 78 partner countries of the EU in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific as well as in 20 overseas countries and territories. An Italian national, Manservisi joined the Commission in 1983 after working for the Italian Institute for Foreign Trade. He has been working in the field of development for more than 15 years, first as an administrator in DG Development and then as member of cabinet with special responsibility for development issues to Vice-President Filippo Maria Pandolfi, Commissioner Raniero Vanni d'Archirafi, Commissioner Mario Monti and President Romano Prodi. From June 2001 to November 2004, he was the Head of Cabinet to President Prodi.



Dr. Sarah E. MENDELSON was appointed Director of the CSIS Human Rights and Security Initiative in January 2007. She is also a Senior Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, which she joined in 2001. Previously, she was a professor of International Politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Since coming to CSIS, she has collaborated on over a dozen opinion surveys in Russia concerning views on the war in Chechnya, military and police abuse, health issues, identity in the North Caucasus, as well as knowledge and experiences with human trafficking. She has also researched the links between human trafficking and peacekeeping operations and, along with a team of activists, helped shape the NATO trafficking policy adopted in 2004 and the US Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005 (House Resolution 972). Most recently, she led a working group on the closure of the Guantánamo Bay detention facility, whose recommendations were reflected in President Barack Obama's Executive Orders signed January 22, 2009. Mendelson received her BA in history from Yale University, and her PhD in political science from Columbia University. She has held fellowships at Stanford University and Princeton University.



Dr. Aaron David MILLER is currently a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center. His new book, *Can America Have another Great President?* will be published by Bantam Books in 2012. For two decades, he served as an adviser to six Secretaries of State, helping formulate US policy on the Middle East and the Arab-Israeli peace process. He most recently held the position of Senior Adviser for Arab-Israeli Negotiations. He also served as the Deputy Special Middle East Coordinator for Arab-Israeli negotiations, Senior Member of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research and in the Office of the Historian. He has received the Department's Distinguished, Superior, and Meritorious Honor Awards. He received his PhD in American Diplomatic and Middle East History from the University of Michigan in 1977 and joined the State Department the following year. He has written four books

on the Middle East, most recently *The Much Too Promised Land: America's Elusive Search for Arab-Israeli Peace* (Bantam/Dell 2008), and has lectured widely at universities and in Middle East symposia across the United States.



Mr. Shuja NAWAZ is the first Director of the South Asia Center at The Atlantic Council of the United States. He writes for leading newspapers and websites, and speaks on current topics before civic groups, at think tanks, and on radio and television. He has worked on projects with RAND, the United States Institute of Peace, The Center for Strategic and International Studies, The Atlantic Council, and other leading think tanks on projects dealing with Pakistan and the Middle East. He was educated at Gordon College, Rawalpindi, and at the Graduate School of Journalism of Columbia University in New York. He was a newscaster and producer for Pakistan Television and covered the 1971 war with India on the Western Front. He has worked for the World Health Organization and has headed three separate divisions at the International Monetary Fund. He was also a Director at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. He was the Managing Editor and then Editor of Finance & Development, the multilingual quarterly of the IMF and the World Bank and on the Editorial Advisory Board of the World Bank Research Observer. His latest book is *Crossed Swords: Pakistan, its Army, and the Wars Within* (Oxford University Press 2008). He is also the author of *FATA: A Most Dangerous Place* (CSIS 2009).



Mr. Quentin PEEL has been the international affairs editor of the Financial Times since September 1998. He is also an associate editor responsible for leader and feature writing. Quentin joined the Financial Times in 1975, and between 1976 and 1994 he served consecutively as southern Africa correspondent, Africa editor, European Community correspondent and Brussels bureau chief, Moscow correspondent, and chief correspondent in Germany. He became foreign editor upon his return to London. He was born in July 1948 and educated at Queens' College, Cambridge, where he studied economics, French and German. He is married, with five children.



Dr. Garth LE PERE is Executive Director of the Institute for Global Dialogue. In 2008, he was appointed Extraordinary Professor of Political Science at the University of Pretoria. He holds an undergraduate degree in Political Science with highest honours from Rutgers University in New Jersey, USA and completed post-graduate studies in Political Science at Yale University, where he earned MA and MPhil degrees, culminating in a PhD. His academic, research and publishing record focuses on state-society dynamics in Africa, EU-Africa relations, theories of international relations, South African foreign policy, multilateral trade, global conflict, regional integration and South-South cooperation. His recent work has concentrated on globalisation and emerging markets, normative approaches to global governance, and China's increasing role in Africa, a subject on which he has recently co-authored a book, *China, Africa and South Africa: South-South Co-operation in a Global Era* (Institute for Global Dialogue, 2007).



Dr. Philip ROBINS is a Reader in the Politics of the Middle East at the University of Oxford, and a Fellow of St Antony's College. He is currently a Proctor of the University. His latest book, *A Beginners' Guide to the Middle East*, was published in August by Oneworld. Before joining Oxford 15 years ago, Dr Robins spent more than eight years as the Head of the Middle East Programme at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, Britain's leading foreign affairs think tank. Dr. Robins' most recent books are *A History of Jordan* (Cambridge University Press, 2004) and *Suits & Uniforms: Turkish Foreign Policy Since the Cold War* (Hurst/University of Washington Press, 2003). An expanded and updated version of the latter was published earlier this year in Turkish by Arkadas. Dr. Robins delivered the 2005 annual lecture of the British Society of Middle East Studies.



Ambassador Olof SKOOG has been Ambassador at the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU since 2007. Prior to this he held the following positions in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden: Director-General for Political Affairs (2004-2007), Ambassador to Colombia, Panama, Venezuela and Ecuador (2001-2004), Political Advisor to Dr. Hans Blix, UNMOVIC, United Nations in New York (2003), Executive Assistant at the United Nations Monitoring Verification and Inspection Commission for Iraq (UNMOVIC) in New York (2000-2001), Coordinator for Political Affairs as a Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the UN in New York (1997 to 2000), Chef de Cabinet at the Office of the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs (1994-1997), Second Secretary at the Permanent Delegation of Sweden to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna (1992-1994), Chairman of the OSCE Financial Committee of Experts in Vienna (1993) and Second Secretary at the Embassy of Sweden in Havana, Cuba (1989-1992). In 1989 he undertook the diplomatic training course of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm for Desk functions in the Political Department (Asia) and the Department of International Trade (Latin America).



Dr. Anne-Marie SLAUGHTER's appointment as the new Director of Policy Planning was announced on January 23, 2009. She came to the Department of State from Princeton University where she served as Dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Bert G. Kerstetter '66 University Professor of Politics and International Affairs. Prior to becoming Dean, she was the J. Sinclair Armstrong Professor of International, Foreign and Comparative Law and the Director of Graduate and International Legal Studies at Harvard Law School. She also taught at Harvard's Kennedy School and the University of Chicago Law School. She is a distinguished writer, commentator, and teacher on a wide range of international affairs issues. Her most recent book, *The Idea that Is America: Keeping Faith with Our Values in a Dangerous World*, was published by Basic Books in 2007. In 2006 she co-authored with Professor John Ikenberry the final report of the Princeton Project on National Security, "Forging a World of Liberty under Law". She earned an A.B. from Princeton University, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and an M.Phil and D.Phil from Oxford University.



Ms. Gayle SMITH is Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director at the National Security Council, where she is responsible for global development, democracy, stabilisation, and humanitarian assistance issues. She was previously a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, Co-Chair of the ENOUGH Project, and Co-Founder of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network. During the Clinton Administration, Smith served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs at the NSC, and as Senior Advisor to the Administrator and Chief of Staff of the US Agency for International Development.

Smith was based in Africa for over 20 years as a journalist covering military, economic, and political affairs for the BBC, Associated Press, Reuters, Boston Globe, Christian Science Monitor, Toronto Globe & Mail, London Observer, and the Financial Times. Smith has also consulted for a wide range of NGOs, foundations, and governmental organisations including UNICEF, the World Bank, Dutch Interchurch Aid, Norwegian Church Relief, and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation.



Julianne Smith is principal director for Europa and NATO at the Pentagon. She previously worked as a fellow and deputy director of the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). Before coming to CSIS, Ms. Smith worked at the German Marshall Fund as a program officer on the Foreign Policy program. Prior to this position, she worked at the Association of the US Army and at the British American Security Information Council with respect to the 1999 Kosovo conflict and post-conflict reconstruction. She has also worked in Germany, both for the Conflict Prevention Network at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik and the German Parliament, where she worked on the first round of NATO enlargement for Parliamentarian Rudolph Seiters. Ms. Smith has received a number of fellowships and scholarships including the Public Policy Fellowship at the American Academy in Berlin, the Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship for work in Germany, and the Fredin Memorial Scholarship for study at the Sorbonne in Paris. She has been a guest on CNN, CNN International, BBC, Fox News Channel, Canadian Broadcast Corporation, CNBC's Hardball and ARD in Germany.



Mr. James B. STEINBERG is Deputy Secretary of State, serving as the principal Deputy to Secretary of State Hilary Clinton. Appointed by President Obama, he was confirmed by the Senate on January 28, 2009 and sworn in by the Secretary of State the following day. Mr. Steinberg has served as Dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, since January 1, 2006, and from which he is currently on leave. From December 1996 to August 2000, he served as Deputy National Security Advisor to President Bill Clinton. During that period he also served as the President's personal representative (“Sherpa”) at the 1998 and 1999 G-8 summits. He has also

been a senior analyst at RAND in Santa Monica, California (1989-1993), and a senior fellow for US Strategic Policy at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London (1985-1987). He is the author of and contributor to numerous books and articles on foreign policy and national security topics, including *Difficult Transitions: Foreign Policy Troubles at the Outset of Presidential Power*, *Protecting the Homeland 2006/2007* and *An Ever Closer Union: European Integration and Its Implications for the Future of U.S.-European Relations*.



Ambassador William H. TAFT, IV is the Warren Christopher Professor of the Practice of International Law and Diplomacy at Stanford Law School and Counsel in the Washington Office of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP. He is also the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Freedom House. He has served in several senior positions in the Department of State and the Department of Defense, including Legal Adviser to the Department of State (2001-2004), Deputy Secretary of Defense (1984-1989) and General Counsel of the Department of Defense (1981-1984). He also served as the US Ambassador to NATO (1989-1992). He was born in Washington, DC and lives in Lorton, Virginia.



Mr. Rafal TRZASKOWSKI is a Member of the European Parliament, Vice Chairman of Committee on Constitutional Affairs, and member of the Parliamentary Delegation to US. He earned his PhD from Warsaw University in 2004. He was with the EU Institute for Security Studies in Paris in 2002. He obtained an MA in European Studies from the Collège d'Europe, Natolin, where he studied from 1996 to 1997, and an MA in International Relations (*summa cum laude*) and a certificate of completion in English Philology from Warsaw University where he studied from 1991 to 1996. He was awarded a Scholarship by the Soros Foundation at the University of Oxford for the 1995 Michaelmas Term. He has been a Research fellow at the Natolin European Centre since 1997. From 2007 to 2009 he was Adviser to Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament. From 2004 to 2007 he served as the Adviser to Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, then Vice President of the European Parliament. He has lectured at the National School of Public Administration in Poland and Collegium Civitas University in Warsaw since 2002. From 2000 to 2002 he was Adviser to Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, then Minister for European Integration.



Dr. Álvaro DE VASCONCELOS has held the post of Director of the EU Institute for Security Studies since May 2007. Prior to this, he headed the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (IEEI) in Lisbon, of which he is a co-founder, from 1981 to 2007, from where he launched several networks including the Euro-Latin American Forum and EuroMeSCo. As well as being a regular columnist in the Portuguese and international press, he is author and co-editor of many books, articles and reports, notably in the areas of the EU common foreign and security policy and on the world order, such as *Portugal: A European Story*, *La PESC: Ouvrir l'Europe au Monde*, *The European Union, Mercosur and the New World Order*, and *A European Strategy for the Mediterranean*. He is editor of *What ambitions for European defence in 2020?*, published by the EUISS in July 2009, and co-edited with Marcin Zaborowski *The Obama Moment* (EUISS Transatlantic Book, 2009).



Ambassador Francesc VENDRELL spent two years as the UN Secretary-General's Personal Representative (2000-2002) and then six years as the EU Special Representative for Afghanistan (2002-2008). Director of the Asia and the Pacific Division in the UN Department of Political Affairs between 1993 and 1999, he served concurrently as Special Envoy for Cambodia and Papua New Guinea as well as Deputy Personal Representative for East Timor and Burma/Myanmar. While Director for Europe and the Americas in the Office of the

UN Secretary-General in 1986-92, he also served as his Deputy Personal Representative for the peace processes in Central America. Ambassador Vendrell was appointed Visiting Professor at the Woodrow Wilson School in Princeton University for the 2008-2009 Academic Year.



Former Ambassador Kurt VOLKER is Senior Fellow and Managing Director of the Center on Transatlantic Relations at the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. He is also a Senior Advisor at the Atlantic Council of the United States and a member of its Strategic Advisory Group. Prior to joining SAIS, he was a career member of the United States Senior Foreign Service, with over 23 years of experience working on European political and security issues under five US Administrations. As Ambassador and the 19th US Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), he straddled the transition covering the Bush and Obama Administrations, and oversaw US preparations for NATO's 60th Anniversary Summit, which took place in Strasbourg, France and Kehl, Germany on April 3-4, 2009. Prior to his service at NATO, he served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, from July 2005 until June 2008. As second-in-command of the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, he focused on working with Europe as a whole to address the common challenges our nations face, based on our shared democratic values.



Mr. Jon WOLFSTHAL is the special advisor to Vice President Biden on non-proliferation and nuclear security. He also serves as a Director for Non-Proliferation on the National Security Council. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, he was a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He previously served as Deputy Director at the Carnegie Endowment's Non-proliferation Project, and has held previous positions with the US Department of Energy and the Arms Control Association. He has been a Professorial Lecturer at Georgetown University and at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He is the co-author of *Deadly Arsenals: Tracking Weapons of Mass Destruction*.



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author of two books dealing with European policies towards the former Soviet Union and Europe's borders *Fermer Yalta* (Cahier de Chaillot, 2007) and *Les Cicatrices des Nations* (Bourrin Editeur, 2008). She has recently published a book about Georgia since the Rose Revolution entitled *La Tragédie Géorgienne* ('the Georgian tragedy') (Grasset).