

## **His Excellency Dr. Giuliano Amato**

*Interior Minister of Italy*

Giuliano Amato, who was a professor of Italian and comparative constitutional law at the University of Rome La Sapienza, began his political career in 1958 when he joined the Italian Socialist Party. For a decade, from 1983 to 1993, Dr. Amato was an Italian MP serving in many different capacities, including being Under Secretary of State, Deputy Prime Minister and Treasury Minister. In June 1992, he became Prime Minister, a position he held until April 1993. After a short hiatus from politics, he became the president of the Italian antitrust authority in 1994. In 1998, he became the Minister for Institutional Reforms; in 1999, served as the Treasury Minister once again; and in 2000, became Prime Minister for a second time. He then served as a Senator from 2001 until 2006, when he became Italy's Interior Minister. Additionally, in 2001, EU leaders at the European Council in Laeken appointed Dr. Amato to be Vice President of the Convention on the Future of Europe, along with former Belgian Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene, charged to help draft the new European Constitution.

## **The Honorable Mohammed Haneef Atmar**

*Education Minister of Afghanistan*

Mohammed Haneef Atmar became the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan's Education Minister in May 2006. Prior to that, Minister Atmar served in President Karzai's cabinet from 2002 to 2005 as the Minister of Rural Rehabilitation and Development. He is also one of eight members of the Presidential Oversight Committee, which acts as a monitoring body over the development of Afghan national strategies and the implementation of the Afghanistan Compact. He holds a Master's in Public Policy and International Relations from the University of York and has written many papers on Afghan humanitarian aid.

## **His Excellency José Manuel Barroso**

*President of European Commission*

José Manuel Barroso is the 11th President of the European Commission and presides over 27 commissions, including the Barroso Commission. He served as Prime Minister of Portugal from 2002 until 2004, when he resigned to become President-designate of the European Commission. President Barroso's political career began in 1980 when he joined the Portuguese Social Democratic Party (PSD), five years later he became Assistant Secretary of State in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and two years after that, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. He remained in that capacity for five years, becoming a driving force behind the Bicesse Accords of 1990 and supporting East Timor independence. In 1992, he became Minister of Foreign Affairs. When PSD's rule in government came to an end in 1995, President Barroso was elected as a representative for Lisbon in the Assembly of the Republic, where he became Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee. In 1999, he was elected President of the PSD, becoming the opposition leader. Parliamentary elections in 2002 gave the PSD enough seats to form a coalition government with the Portuguese People's Party, and President Barroso became Prime Minister of Portugal in April 2002. He holds a law degree from the University of Lisbon, a diploma in European Studies and a Master's in Political Science from the University of Geneva. He has also had an academic career at various universities as a professor, and writes many publications on political science, international relations and the EU.

## **The Honorable Evan Bayh**

*U.S. Senator*

Evan Bayh is serving his second consecutive term as a Senator from Indiana. His political career began in 1987 when he became Indiana's Secretary of State. He remained in that position for only

two years of his five-year term because he was elected as the state's governor, a position he served in for two consecutive terms as well. Senator Bayh is the Chairman of the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance and serves on four other Senate committees, including those of the Armed Forces, Intelligence, Aging and Small Business. He has a degree in business economics and public policy from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business and a law degree from the University of Virginia. He also published a biography in 2003 – *From Father to Son: A Private Life in the Public Eye* – in which he describes growing up with his father who was an Indiana state Senator as well.

### **The Honorable Bob Bennett**

*U.S. Senator, Co-chair of the congressional delegation*

Bob Bennett is serving his third consecutive term in office representing his state of Utah. Among his many positions, Senator Bennett is chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development. He also counsels Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, is the ranking Republican member of the Senate Rules Committee and serves on the Joint Economic Committee. In the past, Senator Bennett was the chairman of a special committee responsible for the Year 2000 switch and the Senate Republican High-Tech Task Force, of which he is still a member. He served as chaplain in the Army National Guard from 1957 until 1969, when he entered public service as the Department of Transportation's congressional liaison, a position he held for one year. In 1970, he became president of Robert Mullen Associates and four years later, Summa Corporation's public relations director. Senator Bennett's private career speaks to his experience in economy and technology. In 1978, he became president of Osmond Communications, followed by a position as chairman of American Computers Corporation, and then as president of Microsonics Corporation. In 1984, he became the CEO of Franklin International Institute until 1992, when he ran for public office.

### **Mr. Paul Berman**

*Professor and Writer-in-Residence at New York University*

Paul Berman's writing focuses on politics and literature. As a journalist, Mr. Berman has reported from Europe and Latin America on several important events, including the Czech Republic's Velvet Revolution and the civil wars in Nicaragua. His many articles and reviews have been printed in American publications such as *The New York Times*, the *New Yorker*, *Slate*, *Village Voice*, the *New Republic* – of which he's a contributing editor – and several other publications in Europe and Latin America. He is the author of three books – *A Tale of Two Utopias*, *Terror and Liberalism*, and *Power and the Idealists, or, The Passion of Joschka Fischer and its Aftermath* – and the editor of several others. He has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in American History from Columbia University and currently works at New York University on the faculty of journalism and as a writer-in-residence.

### **His Excellency Carl Bildt**

*Foreign Affairs Minister of Sweden*

Carl Bildt has a long background in politics in Sweden and Europe, and mainly focuses on international policy and business. He is the current Foreign Affairs Minister of Sweden and was the country's Prime Minister from 1992 to 1994. Minister Bildt's political career began in 1979 when he became a member of the Swedish Parliament. He later went on to chair the Moderate Party from 1986 to 1999 as well as the International Democrat Union from 1992 to 1999. His government negotiated and signed the 1995 accession of Sweden to the EU, and undertook far-reaching liberalization and structural reforms to improve the competitiveness of Sweden and modernize its old-style welfare system. Internationally, Minister Bildt served as mediator in the Balkan conflict of the mid-1990s in a variety of capacities, including his appointment as the

European Union's Special Envoy to former Yugoslavia, co-chairing the 1995 Bosnian Peace Talks at Dayton, serving as High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina immediately after the Bosnian War and as the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Balkans. In the corporate sector, Minister Bildt has been a member of various boards of directors, including those of Legg Mason, Vostok Nafta, Lundin Petroleum and Teleopti AB.

## **Bono**

*Lead Singer of U2*

In 1987, U2 rose to superstardom and Bono was quickly placed in the center of international media attention. After touring for over two-and-a-half years at the end of the '80s, U2 temporarily stepped out of the public eye and disappeared to Berlin in 1990 to record a new album. The 1991 release of *Achtung Baby* represented a complete musical reinvention for U2. Bono has penned almost all of U2's lyrics, often favoring subject matter with political, religious and social themes. In 1984, he appeared on Band Aid's charity recording "Do They Know It's Christmas?" After U2's historic Live Aid performance in 1985, Bono traveled to Ethiopia with his wife Ali. There they spent several weeks helping with an education and famine relief project. In 1986, U2 headlined Amnesty International's Conspiracy of Hope tour. Bono also performed at 1999's Net Aid, a concert broadcasted live over the Internet that raised money to relieve third world debts. Bono's most extensive social campaign was Jubilee 2000, another project orchestrated to cancel third world debts. During the Jubilee 2000 campaign, Bono spoke before the United Nations and the United States Congress and met with key figures such as Pope John Paul II and Bill Clinton. Some of his other projects include DATA, EDUN, ONE campaign and Product Red.

## **Mr. Scott Borgeson**

*Council on Foreign Relations*

Scott Borgeson is the International Affairs Fellow for the Council on Foreign Relations, a non-partisan think tank founded in 1921 with a goal to help people understand foreign policy issues. The council also publishes *Foreign Affairs*. Mr. Borgeson is an expert in the Arctic, homeland security and the shipping industry. He was the former director of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's Institute for Leadership. He is also an adjunct associate research scholar at Columbia University, where he is studying issues related to his expertise, such as the future of shipping and marine navigation in a melting Arctic.

## **The Honorable Elmar Brok**

*Member of European Parliament and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Affairs*

Elmar Brok has been a German member of the European Parliament since 1980. He currently serves as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and is a member of the delegation for relations with the U.S. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Group of the European People's Party and European Democrats in the European Parliament. Parliamentarian Brok was the European Parliament's representative in the EU Council's Reflection Group, which was preparing the reform of the Maastricht Treaty, and he was its representative at the intergovernmental conference for the EU Constitutional Treaty in 2003 through 2004. He was voted "MEP of the Year" in 2003 in a Europe-wide vote organized by the weekly newspaper *European Voice*. Additionally, Parliamentarian Brok holds leadership positions in the Christian Democratic Party (CDU) in Germany, including being member of the CDU Federal Board and chairman of the CDU district Ostwestfalen-Lippe. He studied law and politics in Germany and at the University of Edinburgh, and worked as a radio and newspaper journalist before entering politics.

## **Mr. Christopher Caldwell**

### *Senior Editor for The Weekly Standard*

Christopher Caldwell is a regular contributor to publications such as the *Financial Times*, *Slate*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*. He is a senior editor at *The Weekly Standard* and a contributing editor at *New York Times Magazine*. Mr. Caldwell focuses on politics, culture and international affairs in his writing and is currently working on a book on immigration, Islam and Europe. He graduated from Harvard College, where he studied English literature.

### **The Honorable Robert Casey**

*U.S. Senator, Co-chair of the congressional delegation*

Before becoming a Democratic senator for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 2006, Robert Casey served as the Commonwealth's Treasurer for two years and Auditor General for eight. He also serves on several Senate committees, including those on Foreign Relations, Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, the Special Committee on Aging, and the Joint Economic Committee. Senator Casey graduated in 1982 from The College of the Holy Cross and later received his law degree from The Catholic University of America. He then practiced law until 1996 when he ran for public office.

### **Mr. Roger Cohen**

*International Writer-at-Large for The New York Times*

Roger Cohen is a journalist and author who focuses on international politics and relations. He is *The New York Times'* International writer-at-large and *The International Herald Tribune's* editor-at-large, where he writes his weekly *Globalist* column. Mr. Cohen began his career as a freelance journalist in Paris in 1977. Two years later, he became a foreign correspondent for Reuters based in various cities across Europe. In 1983, he began working for *The Wall Street Journal* in Europe, and opened a bureau in Rio de Janeiro. In 1990, he took a position with *The New York Times* working out of Berlin, Paris and Zagreb, Croatia, and became the *The Times'* foreign editor in 2001. Mr. Cohen also authors books, including *Hearts Grown Brutal: Sagas of Sarajevo* and *In the Eye of the Storm: The Life of General H. Norman Schwarzkopf*. He holds a Master's degree in History and French from Oxford University.

### **His Excellency Massimo D'Alema**

*Foreign Affairs Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Italy*

Massimo D'Alema's political activities began in 1963, when he joined the Italian Young Communists' Federation (FGCI). In 1975 he was elected General Secretary of the organization. In 1986, he became a member of the Secretariat of the Italian Communist Party, and the next year was elected into Italian Parliament. Minister D'Alema was instrumental in the process that changed the Italian Communist Party into the Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) – now called Democrats of the Left (DS) – which he became president of in 1992. In 1998, Minister D'Alema became Prime Minister of Italy, a position he held until April 2000. At the 22nd Congress of the Socialist International in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 2003, he was elected Vice-President of Socialist International. In June 2004, he became a Member of the European Parliament, where he holds the position of Chair of the European Parliament Delegation for relations between the EU and the Mercosur. Minister D'Alema studied philosophy at the University of Pisa, is a professional journalist who has published eight books and was chief editor of the Communist Party's newspaper, *L'Unità*, from 1988 to 1990.

### **Mr. Tarun Das**

*Chief Mentor for Confederation of Indian Industry*

Tarun Das is the Chief Mentor of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), a national organization servicing and representing Indian industry that provides information and advisory and consulting services to the government and industry spheres. He began working for the Association of Indian Engineering Industry (AIEI) in 1963. In 1974, AIEI, through a merger, became CII, and Mr. Das became the new company's chief executive. He attended Calcutta University and Manchester University and holds a graduate degree in economics and commerce. Her Majesty the Queen of England conferred an Honorary CBE to Mr. Das for his contribution to Indo-British relations. Among his many positions during his long-spanning career in the industry business, Mr. Das is also non-executive Chairman of The Associated Cement Companies, Ltd. and Haldia Petrochemicals, Ltd.; non-executive Director of John Keells Holdings, Ltd., Sri Lanka; and a member of the Coca-Cola Company International Advisory Board.

### **Mr. Steve Erlanger**

*Jerusalem Bureau Chief for The New York Times*

Steve Erlanger began his career as a journalist over 30 years ago. He started out at *The New York Times* as a metro reporter and later became bureau chief in Bangkok, Moscow, Central Europe and the Balkans (based out of Prague), and Berlin. He became the Jerusalem bureau chief in 2004. He has also been the newspaper's chief diplomatic correspondent in Washington, D.C. and cultural news editor. Before he started with *The Times* in 1987, Mr. Erlanger was a reporter for *The Boston Globe* for 11 years, where he served as a European correspondent based in London, assistant national editor, assistant foreign editor and reported from Eastern Europe, Canada and Iran. He holds a degree in political philosophy from Harvard College, where he was also a teaching fellow.

### **The Honorable John Evans**

*Member of the European Parliament*

John Evans is the European Parliament's Chairman for the Delegation for relations with the United States, and has been a member of the European Parliament since 1999. He also serves on the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and was leader of the Conservatives in the European Parliament from 2001 to 2004. He is a Welshman with a long career in law and politics. He studied law at Law Society's College of Law in Guilford and London, and trained with the lawyers Leo Abse and Cohen, joining their firm in 1973 after his studies, and becoming managing partner in 1987. In 1992, Parliamentarian Evans became an MP in the British House of Commons for Brecon and Radnor. During his five year term, he served as the Corporate Affairs Minister in the Department of Trade and Industry, Parliamentary Secretary to the Lord Chancellor and Under Secretary of State for Wales. Parliamentarian Evans, for the next two years, worked as the Director of Insurance in the City of London for Eversheds, a major global law firm, until he became a Member of the European Parliament.

### **The Honorable Barney Frank**

*U.S. House of Representatives Congressman*

Barney Frank has been a U.S. Congressman for the 4<sup>th</sup> District of Massachusetts since 1981, and is the current chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. His political career began in 1968 when he became Chief Assistant to Mayor Kevin White of Boston, a position he held for three years. At the time, he was studying for a Ph.D. and teaching undergraduates at Harvard College, but had to stop due to his new position. He then served as Administrative Assistant to Congressman Michael Harrington for one year, before being elected into the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1972. In 1977, while serving in the state House, Congressman Frank graduated with a law degree from Harvard Law School.

### **Mr. Daniel Fried**

*Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs*

Daniel Fried became the Assistant Secretary of State in 2005. He began his Foreign Service career in 1977 in the Economic Bureau of the State Department. Three years later, he worked at the U.S. Consulate General in then-Leningrad, followed by a move to Belgrade as Political Officer in the U.S. Embassy, and then the Office of Soviet Affairs at the State Department. Mr. Fried spent nearly six years working specifically with Poland, first as the Polish Desk Officer and then moving to Warsaw, serving as Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy. In 1993, he began working at the National Security Council, first as Director, then as Special Assistant to the President, and finally as the Senior Director for Central and Eastern Europe. While at the White House, he had an active hand in U.S. policy on Euroatlantic security, including NATO enlargement and the Russia-NATO relationship. Mr. Fried holds a Bachelor's degree from Cornell University and a Master's in International Affairs from Columbia University.

### **The Honorable Mircea Dan Geoană**

*President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Romanian Senate*

Mircea Dan Geoană began his diplomatic career in 1990 directly after the Romanian Revolution by joining the Foreign Service. For the next six years, he held a variety of positions, including being the Director General for Europe, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Africa. At the age of 37, Senator Geoană became the Ambassador of Romania to the U.S., the youngest Romanian at the time to hold such a position. In 2000, after being Ambassador to the U.S. for four years, he became the Foreign Affairs Minister of Romania. He remained minister for four years and during that time also served as OSCE Chairman-in-Office in 2001. Senator Geoană is also the current President of the Social Democratic Party (PSD).

### **His Excellency Ahmed Aboul Gheit**

*Foreign Affairs Minister of Egypt*

Ahmed Aboul Gheit has a career in diplomacy that begins in 1965 when he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During his long tenure, Minister Gheit served as an attaché at the Egyptian Embassy in Cyprus, Political Counselor at the Egyptian Embassy in Moscow and as Political Advisor to both the Foreign Affairs Minister and Prime Minister at various times, among other positions. In 1992, he became Egypt's Ambassador to Italy, Macedonia and San Marino as well as a representative for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. After his ambassadorship, Minister Gheit was made Egypt's Permanent Representative to the UN in 1999 and five years later, he became Egypt's Foreign Affairs Minister. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from Ainshams University in Cairo.

### **Mr. Misha Glenny**

*Journalist*

Misha Glenny is a British journalist and former BBC correspondent, with an expertise on Southeastern Europe. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, he made a name for himself through his coverage of the crisis in Yugoslavia as the Central Europe correspondent for the BBC World Service based in Vienna. In fact, he won a Sony Award in 1993 for his reporting on that crisis. Mr. Glenny is also an author who has published four books, including *The Rebirth of History*, about the fall of Communism; *The Fall of Yugoslavia*; *The Balkans*; and his latest book, *McMafia*, about the globalization of organized crime. He studied at Bristol University and Charles University in Prague.

### **Mr. Nik Gowing**

### *BBC World Lead Anchor*

In 1996, Nik Gowing became a lead anchor for the BBC's international television news channel, BBC World. From 1996 to 2000, he was the principal anchor for the 90-minute weekday news program "The World Today," and its predecessor, "NewsDesk." He was a founding presenter of BBC's "Europe Direct," has been a guest anchor on "HARDtalk" and "Simpson's World," and is a regular presenter for "Dateline London." He regularly anchors BBC World's live coverage from major international events, including the UN World Sustainability Summit in Johannesburg; the German, Dutch, and Russian elections; the India-Pakistan summit in Agra, India; and the Kosovo crisis in 1999. Before joining the BBC, Mr. Gowing was a foreign affairs specialist and presenter at ITN for 18 years. During the 1980s, first as foreign affairs correspondent, then as diplomatic correspondent, Mr. Gowing reported extensively from Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. In 1989, he reported on the revolutions marking the end of communist rule, as well as on the unrest in China.

### **Dr. Stan Greenberg**

*Chairman and CEO of Greenberg Quinlan Rosner (GQR) Center*

Stan Greenberg is a political scientist and author who taught at Yale University for ten years before becoming a political consultant to many international leaders, companies and organizations. He founded the GQR Center in 1980 and began his work conducting surveys for many key U.S. congressional, state and national campaigns. In the past, he served as a pollster for President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, South African President Nelson Mandela, and German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, among others; and worked with corporations such as BP, Boeing, Monsanto and Sun Microsystems. Dr. Greenberg is the co-founder, along with James Carville, of the non-profit organization, Democracy Corps, which provides free opinion research and advice to help progressive organizations. He has also published five books, including *Politics and Poverty*, *Middle Class Dreams*, and his latest, *The Two Americas*. He has a Bachelor's degree from Miami University and a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

### **His Excellency Karel De Gucht**

*Foreign Affairs Minister of Belgium*

Karel De Gucht began his political career in the 1970s by getting heavily involved in the Flemish Association of Liberal Students of Brussels, becoming its national president in 1975. He later went on to become a Member of the European Parliament in 1980, a position he held for 14 years; a member of the Flemish Parliament from 1995 to 2003; and the National President of the Flemish Liberals and Democrats (VLD) for five years beginning in 1999. In 2004 he was elected to both the Flemish and European Parliaments again but accepted neither seat, becoming instead Belgium's Foreign Affairs Minister. He was also the OSCE's Chairman-in-Office in 2006. Minister De Gucht has a law degree from the Free University of Brussels.

### **Mr. Kostyantyn Gryshchenko**

*Foreign Policy Advisor to Prime Minister's Office in Ukraine*

Kostyantyn Gryshchenko, Vice-Chairman of the Republican Party of Ukraine, began his political career in the mid-1970s at the UN in New York. He worked in the Soviet Union's Foreign Ministry working as the director for a newly formed arms control and disarmament program until Ukraine's independence. His knowledge in this area led him to serve on many UN bodies and missions, including serving as Deputy Chief Inspector of the first UN inspection for biological weapons in Iraq in 1991. As a Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister for Ukraine, Mr. Gryshchenko not only covered arms control, but also Russian and CIS affairs, European security, and bilateral relations with

Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Pacific. During this time in the mid-1990s, he became Ukraine's chief negotiator on the delimitation of the borders with Russia, Belarus and Moldova, and the division of the Black Sea Fleet. His diplomatic rise culminated in 2003, when he became Ukraine's Foreign Affairs Minister, a position he held for two years. However, prior to that, he was the country's ambassador to the U.S., Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Mr. Gryshchenko has a law degree from the International Law Department of Moscow State Institute of International Relations.

### **Mr. Richard Holbrooke**

*Vice Chairman of Perseus LLC*

Richard Holbrooke is a diplomat, journalist, investment banker and advisor. Among his many positions, he is President and CEO of Perseus LLC; President and CEO of the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria; Chairman of the Asia Society; and Founding Chairman of the American Academy in Berlin. He joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1963 and began working in Vietnam as a provincial representative for the Agency for International Development (AID). In 1966, he joined President Johnson's Vietnam staff and was a member of the American Delegation to the Paris Peace Talks. During the Carter administration, Mr. Holbrooke served as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and was in charge of U.S. relations with China. As Assistant Secretary of State for Europe, he was the chief architect of the 1995 Bosnian Peace Accords at Dayton that ended the war in Bosnia. He later served as President Clinton's Special Envoy to Bosnia and Kosovo, as well as Special Envoy to Cyprus. In 1993, he was the U.S. Ambassador to Germany, and most recently, from 1999 to 2001, he served as the U.S. Ambassador to the UN. He was also the Peace Corps Director of Morocco from 1970 to 1972. As a journalist, he was managing editor of *Foreign Policy* from 1972 to 1977, and contributing editor of *Newsweek* for a year in the mid-1970s. Mr. Holbrooke also wrote one volume of the *Pentagon Papers* and two best-selling books: *To End a War*, a memoir of the Dayton negotiations, and co-authored Clark Clifford's memoir, *Counsel to the President*.

### **Mr. David Ignatius**

*Columnist for The Washington Post*

David Ignatius' twice-weekly column on global politics, economics, and international affairs began appearing on *The Washington Post's* op-ed page in 1999. He continued to write weekly after becoming executive editor of the Paris-based *International Herald Tribune* in 2000. When *The Post* sold its interest in the *Tribune* in January 2003, he resumed writing for the op-ed page and was syndicated worldwide by The Washington Post Writers Group. Prior to becoming a columnist for the newspaper, Mr. Ignatius was its assistant managing editor in charge of business news, a position he assumed in 1993. He served as *The Post's* foreign editor from 1990 to 1992, supervising the paper's Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. From 1986 to 1990, he was editor of the newspaper's Sunday "Outlook" section. Before joining *The Post* in 1986, Mr. Ignatius spent 10 years as a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* where he covered the steel industry, Justice Department, CIA, U.S. Senate, and was the Middle East and chief diplomatic correspondent. He has also published six novels; his latest, *Body of Lies*, is currently being adapted for a major motion picture. Mr. Ignatius holds degrees from St. Albans School, Harvard College and King's College in Cambridge.

### **His Excellency Toomas Hendrik Ilves**

*President of Estonia*

Toomas Hendrik Ilves became the fourth President of the Republic of Estonia in 2006. Born in Sweden to Estonian refugees, President Ilves grew up and went to school in the U.S. After earning his degrees, President Ilves became a teacher and researcher at Columbia University, Assistant Director at the Open Education Center in Englewood, New Jersey, and a lecturer in



Estonian literature and linguistics at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada. In the 1980s, he worked as a journalist for Radio Free Europe in Munich and became actively involved in Estonia's politics. In 1993, two years after Estonia gained its independence, he became the country's Ambassador to the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Three years later, he became Estonia's Foreign Affairs Minister. After a brief year-long period as chairman of the North Atlantic Institute, he was again appointed Foreign Affairs Minister. From 2002 to 2004, he was a Member of Estonia's Parliament, and then served a two-year term as a Member of the European Parliament. President Ilves earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Psychology from Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania, respectively.

### **His Excellency Wolfgang Ischinger**

*Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany*

Wolfgang Ischinger became the current Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Court of St. James (U.K.) in 2006 and, immediately prior to that, was the Ambassador to the U.S. for five years. Ambassador Ischinger began his diplomatic career with the German Foreign Service in 1975 and worked at the UN Secretariat in New York, later being posted in Washington, D.C. and Paris. In the 1990s, he held many senior positions in the ministry and led various German delegations to international negotiations, including the Bosnian Peace Talks at Dayton, those on the NATO-Russia Founding Act, the current Troika talks about Kosovo, and on NATO and EU enlargement. In 1998, he served as Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister for three years before serving his first ambassadorship in 2001. Ambassador Ischinger studied for his law degree at the Universities of Bonn and Geneva, and received a Master's from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Massachusetts.

### **The Honorable Shintaro Ito**

*Deputy Secretary-General of the Liberal Democratic Party, Japan*

Shintaro Ito has a mixed background of politics and academia. He graduated with a degree from the Department of Economics at Keio University in 1976, and two years later received a Master's of Law in Political Science from the same institution. He then went to the U.S. and completed the Directing Program from the American Film Institute, and received a Master's from Harvard University. Upon returning to Japan in 1981, he became the Political Secretary for the Defense Minister, and in 1996 he was the Secretary to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. However, throughout all that time, and until 2001 when he was elected to the House of Representatives, Minister Ito was also an Associate Professor at Tamagawa University and a Professor at Tohoku Fukushi University. In 2005, he became Japan's Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister, and is the current Deputy Secretary-General of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan.

### **Professor Wang Jisi**

*Dean of the School of International Studies at Peking University*

Wang Jisi serves in many concurrent capacities apart from being the Dean of the School of International Studies at Peking University since 2005. He is also a guest professor at the National Defense University of the PLA, President of the Chinese Association for American Studies, a member and founder of the Pacific Council on International Policy in Los Angeles, an International Council Member of the Asia Society in New York City, an Advisory Council Member of the Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution, and advisor to the Asia Center at Harvard University. Professor Jisi was a professor in the International Politics Department of Beijing University. In 1991, he became Director of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences at the Institute of American Studies, until 2005. Professor Jisi was also a visiting professor and scholar at various institutions in the U.S. and U.K.. He received his Master's degree from Beijing University.

## **Dr. Robert Kagan**

*Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Transatlantic Fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the United States*

Robert Kagan, currently based in Brussels, is a transatlantic fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the United States and a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Dr. Kagan writes a monthly column on world affairs for *The Washington Post* and is a contributing editor at both the *Weekly Standard* and *The New Republic*. He served in the U.S. Department of State from 1984 to 1988, where he was a member of the policy planning staff and was the principal speechwriter for U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz. He was also deputy for policy in the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs. Dr. Kagan is an author and editor of many books; his internationally bestselling book, *Of Paradise and Power*, about the relationship between the U.S. and Europe, has been translated into more than 25 languages. His most recent book, *Dangerous Nations*, is a two-part project explaining the history of American foreign policy. Dr. Kagan has a Bachelor's degree from Yale University, a Master's from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and a Ph.D. from American University.

## **The Honorable Ivaylo Kalfin**

*Foreign Affairs Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria*

Ivaylo Kalfin founded the Social Democrats National Movement and served as the Deputy President of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Bulgaria-EU Relations. He became Bulgaria's Foreign Affairs Minister and Deputy Prime Minister in 2005. However, he has served as Deputy Prime Minister twice before, from 1994 to 1997, and from 2000 to 2001. After his second appointment as Deputy Prime Minister in Bulgaria's National Assembly, Minister Kalfin served as President Parvanov's economic advisor. In 2001 and 2004, he observed the elections in Kosovo as part of the OSCE missions in the region. Apart from his diplomatic career, he has worked as a lecturer, managed several consulting companies and currently serves on the Bulgarian National Bank's Consultative Council. Minister Kalfin holds degrees from the University of National and World Economy in Sofia, and Loughborough University in Leicestershire.

## **Mr. Craig Kennedy**

*President of German Marshall Fund of the United States*

Craig Kennedy has been president of The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) since 1995. Under Mr. Kennedy's leadership, GMF has focused its activities on bridging U.S.-European differences on foreign policy, economics, immigration and integration, and domestic policy. Toward this effort, he has provided GMF with a strong infrastructure throughout Europe, opening new offices in Paris, Bratislava, Brussels, Belgrade, and Ankara to complement the work being done in Washington and Berlin. Mr. Kennedy began his career in 1980 as a program officer at the Joyce Foundation in Chicago, becoming vice president of programs in 1983 and president from 1986 to 1992. Mr. Kennedy left the Joyce Foundation to work for Richard J. Dennis, a Chicago investor and philanthropist. During this same period, he created a consulting firm working with nonprofit and public sector clients.

## **The Honorable Robert Kimmitt**

*Deputy Secretary of U.S. Department of Treasury*

Robert Kimmitt has had a long career in the diplomatic corps and the military, as well as in the private sector. He served in Vietnam with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade from 1970 to 1971, earning three Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, the Air Medal and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, he served as a member of the National Security Council (NSC) staff, including being the Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. In 1985, he

became the General Counsel to the U.S. Treasury Department for two years. He then left public service for two years as a partner in the Sidley & Austin law firm, before reentering public service in 1989 as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and then as U.S. Ambassador to Germany in 1991. In 1993, Deputy Secretary Kimmitt reentered the private sector in various capacities, including serving as a partner at the Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering law firm and Chairman of the International Advisory Council of Time Warner, Inc. Then in 2005, he joined the public sector again accepting President Bush's appointment, and the Senate's confirmation, to become current Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Treasury. Deputy Secretary Kimmitt graduated with distinction from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and received a law degree from Georgetown University.

### **The Honorable Ron Kind**

*U.S. House of Representatives Congressman*

Ron Kind has represented Wisconsin's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District since 1996, and currently serves on the House Ways and Means Committee and Natural Resources Committee. While attending Harvard University for his Bachelor's degree, he worked with U.S. Senator Proxmire to investigate wasteful abuses of taxpayers' money. Congressman Kind went on to receive his Master's at the London School of Economics and a law degree from the University of Minnesota. After getting his law degree he worked as a lawyer in Milwaukee for two years before returning to his hometown of La Crosse to become a county prosecutor. He served as special prosecutor in other western Wisconsin counties as well. Congressman Kind is also the Democratic Chief Deputy Whip, Co-Vice-Chair of the New Democrat Coalition, and Co-Founder of the Upper Mississippi River Congressional Caucus and the Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus.

### **The Honorable Eckart von Klaeden**

*Foreign Policy Spokesman of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU)/Christian Social Union (CSU) Parliamentary Group and Member of the Bundestag (Parliament)*

Eckart von Klaeden has been a member of Germany's Bundestag since 1994. While still in grammar school he became a member of the CDU's Young Union and over the years rose in rank within the Young Union from a member of the federal executive to chairman of the Lower Saxony branch, eventually becoming Federal Treasurer of the CDU in 2006. Within the Bundestag, he has served on many committees and councils, including the Council of Elders, Mediation Committee, Committee on Legal Affairs, and Subcommittee on Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation. He was also Parliamentary Secretary of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group from 2000 to 2005. Parliamentarian Klaeden studied law at the Universities of Würzburg and Göttingen, and began practicing law in 1996 in Hildesheim.

### **Mr. Tom Koenigs**

*UN Special Representative for Afghanistan and Head of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)*

Tom Koenigs began his political career in 1983 as an active member in regional and municipal politics in Hesse. In 1985, he became City Councilor of Frankfurt am Main and Head of the Minister's Office in the Hesse Environment Ministry. Four years later, he went on to be the Head of the Department for Environment of Frankfurt am Main until 1999. During that time, he also served as the city's treasurer and mayor. Mr. Koenigs then began his career with the UN as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the UN in Kosovo from 1999 to 2002, where he was responsible for the general civil administration. He then headed the UN's Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA) to monitor the peace agreement signed in 1996 between the former warring parties. In 2005, one year before accepting his appointment by then-UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan as the head of UNAMA, Mr. Koenigs became Germany's Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid.

## **The Honorable Bernard Kouchner**

*Foreign and European Affairs Minister of France*

Bernard Kouchner has a long career in humanitarian aid and politics. In 1968, he worked as a physician for the Red Cross in Biafra during the civil war in Nigeria. He founded Doctors Without Borders (MSF - Médecins sans Frontières) in 1971, and Doctors of the World (Médecins du Monde) in 1980, both nonprofit humanitarian organizations that help those in medical need in various areas of the world. In 1999, then-UN Secretary General Kofi Annan appointed Minister Kouchner as the first Special Representative and Head of the UN Interim Administration in Kosovo. Politically, he began his career in 1988 becoming France's Secretary of State for Humanitarian Action. Four years later, he became the country's Health Minister, a position he has held twice since. He became France's Foreign and European Affairs Minister in 2007. Minister Kouchner is the author of several books, co-founder of the news magazines "L' Evenement" and "Actuel," and the recipient of several human rights awards, including the Dag Hammarskjold Prize and the Prix Europa.

## **The Honorable Pascal Lamy**

*Director-General of the World Trade Organization*

Pascal Lamy is the 5<sup>th</sup> Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Before his appointment to the WTO leadership in 2005, he was the Commissioner for Trade at the European Commission, as well as the President of Notre Europe, a think tank focused on integrating Europe. He joined the French civil service in 1975 and worked in the Finance and Treasury Departments due to his schooling in economics at the École Nationale d'Administration, where he finished second in his class. He then became an advisor to the Finance Minister Jacques Delors, and subsequently to Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy. When Jacques Delors became President of the European Commission, Director-General Lamy became his Chief of Staff from 1985 to 1994. In 1994, he joined the team in charge of rescuing Credit Lyonnais, and later became CEO of the bank until its privatization in 1999. Director-General Lamy holds a Bachelor's degree from the HEC Paris School of Management and a Master's in Business Administration from the Paris Institute of Political Studies.

## **The Honorable Sheikha Lubna**

*Economy and Planning Minister of the United Arab Emirates*

In 2004, Sheikha Lubna became the first woman to hold a ministerial position in the United Arab Emirates. She is also the CEO of Tejari, an electronic business-to-business marketplace. Before working with Tejari in 2000, Minister Lubna was the Senior Information Systems Manager for the Dubai Ports Authority for seven years. She also is a member of various organizations and sits on the boards of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dubai University College, and Thunderbird (The American Graduate School of International Management), among others. Minister Lubna has Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from California State University of Chico and an Executive Master's in Business Administration from the American University of Sharjah.

## **The Honorable Peter MacKay**

*Defense Minister of Canada*

Peter MacKay is Canada's Defense Minister, Minister for the Atlantic Opportunities Agency and also a Member of Parliament for Central Nova, Nova Scotia, which he has been since 1997. He is a member of the Foreign Affairs and National Security Committee and sits on the Treasury Board and Planning and Priorities Cabinet Committees. Before becoming Defense Minister in 2007,

Minister MacKay was the country's Minister of Foreign Affairs, and served in many other capacities, including being the critic for the Prime Minister and Solicitor General. He also played a leading role in the creation of the Conservative Party, which merged the Progressive Conservative Party and Canadian Alliance Party. Prior to pursuing politics, Minister MacKay worked as a lawyer, serving as the Crown Attorney for the Central Region of Nova Scotia appearing regularly in provincial, family and Supreme Court. He graduated from Acadia University in 1987 and holds a law degree from Dalhousie University.

### **The Honorable Peter Mandelson**

*Commissioner for External Trade of the European Commission*

Before becoming Trade Commissioner of the European Commission in 2004, Peter Mandelson served as a British Member of Parliament for the Northern Constituency of Hartlepool for 12 years. Previous to joining the Labour Party and politics, Minister Mandelson worked as an economist at the Trades Union Congress and as a current affairs TV producer for London Weekend Television. In 1985, he became the Labour Party's Director for Campaigns and Communications, and was Tony Blair's campaign manager in 1997. His previous positions include being the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

### **Mr. James Mann**

*Author-in-Residence at Johns Hopkins University*

Apart from working at Johns Hopkins University, James Mann was senior writer-in-residence at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He also was a Washington, D.C. correspondent, foreign-policy columnist and Beijing bureau chief for the *Los Angeles Times* from 1978 to 2001. Before working for *The Times*, he worked for the *New Haven Journal-Courier*, *Washington Post*, *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Baltimore Sun*. He is a commentator on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*, and has contributed to various magazines and newspapers, including *The Atlantic* and *The New Republic*. Mr. Mann is the author of several books, his latest being *The China Fantasy*.

### **Mr. Walter Russell Mead**

*Henry A. Kissinger Senior Fellow for U.S. Foreign Policy*

Walter Russell Mead is one of the U.S.'s leading thinkers on American foreign policy. He is not only the Henry A. Kissinger Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, but also teaches American foreign policy at Bard College, and is the director of various projects on foreign policy. He regularly writes for several publications, including *Foreign Affairs*, *The New Yorker* and the *Wall Street Journal*, and is a contributing editor to many others. He is also the author of several books, including his latest entitled *God and Gold: Britain, America, and the Making of the Modern World*. Mr. Mead has a Bachelor's degree in English literature from Yale University.

### **Mr. Mario Monti**

*President of Bocconi University and Chairman of the Board of Bruegel*

Mario Monti, Chairman of the Board of Bruegel, has a long relationship with the Bocconi University in Milan. He received a degree in economics and management from the university; was a professor working mainly in monetary economics, central banking, fiscal policy and European integration; became rector in 1989; and then the university's president in 1994. That same year Mr. Monti became a European Commissioner responsible for the internal market, financial services and financial integration, customs and taxation. In 1999, his responsibility as commissioner changed to that of competition, and in that capacity he initiated anti-monopoly

proceedings against Microsoft and led an investigation into the proposed merger of General Electric and Honeywell. Mr. Monti also has a Master's degree from Yale University.

### **The Honorable Hryhorija Nemyria**

*Vice-Prime Minister, Ukraine*

Hryhorija Nemyria was Ukrainian Prime Minister Tymoshenko's foreign policy advisor, and is the current vice-prime minister of the country. He is also Chair of the Department for European Integration at the Ukrainian Academy of Public Administration, and the founder and Director of the Center for European and International Studies at the Institute of International Relations at the Kyiv Taras Shevchenko National University. Previously, he was Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Kyiv, and founder and Director of the Center for Political Studies and Associate Professor of Political Science at Donetsk State University. Dr. Nemyria has a Master's degree from Donetsk State University and a Ph.D. from the Kyiv Taras Shevchenko National University.

### **Baroness Pauline Neville-Jones**

*U.K. Shadow Security Minister and National Security Advisor to the Leader of the Opposition*

Pauline Neville-Jones spent over 30 years working in the U.K. Diplomatic Service, starting in 1963. During that time, she served in British missions to Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), Singapore, Washington, D.C. and Bonn. In 1977, she worked at the European Commission as Deputy and Chef de Cabinet to Commissioner Tugendhat. In the early 1990s, Baroness Neville-Jones became Head of the Defense and Overseas Secretariat for the U.K. Cabinet Office and Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet. As Political Director in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, she led the British delegation to the Dayton Peace Talks. For six years, until 2004, Baroness Neville-Jones was the BBC Governor. Currently, she is Shadow Security Minister and National Security Advisor to the Leader of the Opposition. She is an Honorary Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall and Doctor of London University, City University and Open University.

### **Mr. Neil Newhouse**

*Partner and Co-Founder of Public Opinion Strategies*

Neil Newhouse has over 25 years of experience in the political field and public opinion research. He served as a Congressional Chief-of-Staff, field representative for the Republican National Committee and Political Director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Before co-founding Public Opinion Strategies in 1991, Mr. Newhouse was Executive Vice-President of the Whitlin Group. His survey and public opinion work have taken him across the world, completing projects in Australia, Jamaica, Kuwait, Bulgaria, Russia, Ukraine and Venezuela. He graduated from Duke University and attended graduate school at the University of Virginia.

### **The Honorable Taku Otsuka**

*Member of House of Representatives of Japan*

Taku Otsuka, whose family owns Otsuka Shoe Co., became interested in politics in 1994 when the GATT Uruguay agreement forced Japan to open its shoe market. He studied international political economy and industrial policy at Keio University, receiving his Bachelor's degree in 1997. For the next six years he worked in the corporate finance sector of the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi. In 2003, he entered Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and graduated with a Master's in Public Policy in 2005. That same year, Representative Otsuka was elected for his first term as a member of Japan's House of Representatives. He serves on several committees, including the Security Committee and the Special Committee on Political Ethics and

Election Law. He also is a leading member of the Liberal Democratic Party, serving in various capacities, including being the Deputy Director-General of the International Bureau.

### **Mr. James Quigley**

*CEO of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu*

James H. Quigley became CEO of Deloitte & Touche USA LLP in June 2003, serving until June 2007 when he became CEO of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu. He has over 30 years experience in accounting and a long list of clients, including BASF, International Paper and Monsanto Company. He serves on the board of trustees of Central Park Conservancy, Catalyst, the Financial Accounting Foundation, The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Partnership for New York City, and National Advisory Committee - Brigham Young University. Mr. Quigley has served on numerous committees of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, chaired the audit committee and worked as treasurer for the National Council for the Better Business Bureau in Washington, D.C. Mr. Quigley received his Bachelor's degree from Utah State University and was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Commercial Science from Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts.

### **His Excellency Fogh Rasmussen**

*Prime Minister of Denmark*

Fogh Rasmussen has been active in politics most of life, beginning in 1978 when he won a seat in the Danish Parliament (Folketing). He became Minister for Taxation in 1987, and three years later, Minister of Economy and Taxation, a position he held for two years. In 2001, he became Denmark's Prime Minister and during the last half of 2002, he was the EU President. During his political tenure, Prime Minister Rasmussen has held many positions within his political party (Liberal Party), including being its spokesman and chairman of the national organization. He is also an author with several books on taxation and government structure to his name. Prime Minister Rasmussen has a Master's degree in Economy from the University of Aarhus.

### **The Honorable Maris Riekstins**

*Foreign Affairs Minister of Latvia*

Maris Riekstins career in Latvia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs began in 1992 when he took on the position of Director of the Western Europe Division. Soon after, he became the Under Secretary and eventually State Secretary of the Foreign Affairs Ministry in 1993. He remained in that position until he became Latvia's Ambassador to the U.S. in 2004, and Ambassador to Mexico in 2006. For most of 2007, until his current position, Minister Riekstins was Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Kalvitis. He was also head of the Latvian delegation for accession into NATO, chairman of the advisory council for Latvia's membership into the WTO and led the delegation for the U.S.-Baltic Partnership Charter. Minister Riekstins has a law degree from the University of Latvia.

### **Mr. Jim Rogers**

*CEO of Duke Energy*

Jim Rogers is chairman of the board, president and CEO of Duke Energy. Rogers has more than 19 years of experience as a CEO in the electric utility industry, including serving as Cinergy's chairman and CEO for more than 11 years (until it merged with Duke Energy in 2006), and PSI Energy's chairman, president and CEO. Prior to his work for energy companies, Mr. Rogers was a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld and deputy general counsel for litigation and enforcement for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). He also was a reporter for the Lexington (Kentucky) Herald-Leader from 1967 to 1970.

Mr. Rogers has a Bachelor's of Business Administration from Emory University and a law degree from the University of Kentucky.

### **The Honorable Jaap de Hoop Scheffer**

*NATO Secretary General*

Jakob Gijsbert (Jaap) de Hoop Scheffer became the 11th NATO Secretary General in 2004. Prior to that, he was the Foreign Affairs Minister for the Netherlands and Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE during the Netherlands' OSCE presidency. In 1974, he graduated with a law degree from the University of Lieden and joined the air force, in which he served two years. Upon finishing his service, Secretary General De Hoop Scheffer began working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was at the Dutch Embassy in Ghana for two years, followed by a move to Brussels as part of the Dutch delegation to NATO. In 1986, he was elected to the Dutch House of Representatives of the States General for the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA), and he became the party's spokesperson on foreign policy in the House. In that capacity, he served on the Committees on Justice, European Affairs and Defense, and chaired the Committee on Development Cooperation. During the Gulf crisis in 1990, he served as the Western European Union's (WEU) rapporteur on the consequences of the invasion of Kuwait and continuing operations in the Gulf region.

### **The Honorable Radosław Sikorski**

*Foreign Affairs Minister of Poland*

Radosław "Radek" Sikorski is a politician, journalist and former Solidarity activist who was stranded in Britain in 1981 after Poland declared martial law, eventually becoming a British citizen in 1984 after seeking asylum. He served as Poland's Deputy Defense Minister in 1992, as Deputy Foreign Minister from 1998 to 2001, and as Defense Minister from 2005 to 2007. He became the country's Foreign Affairs Minister in late 2007. As a journalist, Minister Sikorski worked as a war correspondent in Angola and Afghanistan, and won the 1988 World Press Photo prize for one of his photographs taken in Afghanistan. He was a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and was Executive Director of the New Atlantic Initiative, an international nonpartisan organization dedicated to revitalizing and expanding the Atlantic community of democracies. Minister Sikorski studied philosophy, politics and economics at the University of Oxford's Pembroke College.

### **His Excellency Volker Stanzel**

*Political Director, German Foreign Ministry*

Volker Stanzel began his diplomatic career in 1979 when he joined the German Foreign Service and worked at the embassies in Rome, Tokyo, Aden and Beijing. He headed the Press and Information Department at the German Embassy in Beijing from 1990 to 1993, the Operation Center at the Foreign Office in Bonn two years later, and the Department for Non-Proliferation and Civilian Use of Nuclear Energy at the Foreign Office in Berlin from 1999 to 2001. From 1995 to 1998, Ambassador Stanzel was Foreign Policy Advisor to the Social Democratic Party of Germany in the German Bundestag (Parliament). In 2001 he became the Federal Foreign Service's Director for Asian & Pacific Affairs, and in 2002, its Director-General for Political Affairs. He became German Ambassador to China in 2004, and is now the German Foreign Ministry's political director. He studied Japanese Studies, Chinese Studies, and Political Science at Frankfurt University, Kyoto University and Cologne University and received his Ph.D. from Cologne University.

### **Dr. James Steinberg**

*Dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at University of Texas*



Before becoming Dean of the University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs in 2006, James Steinberg was the Vice President and Director of Foreign Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. for four years. From 1996 to 2000 he served as President Clinton's deputy national security advisor, and represented the president at the 1998 and 1999 G-8 summits. Dr. Steinberg, in the mid-1990s, also served as Chief of Staff of the U.S. State Department, Director of the State Department's policy planning staff and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Analysis in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. Prior to that, he worked as a senior analyst for RAND. Dr. Steinberg writes about foreign policy and national security in numerous books and for many publications. He has a Bachelor's degree from Harvard and a law degree from Yale University.

### **The Honorable Frank-Walter Steinmeier**

*Foreign Affairs Minister of Germany*

Frank-Walter Steinmeier became Germany's Foreign Affairs Minister in 2005, and was also President of the European Council during the first half of 2007. His career began in 1991 in the state Chancellery of Lower Saxony where he became an advisor for law of communication media. Two years later, he served as director of the personal office for then-Prime Minister of Lower Saxony, Gerhard Schröder, eventually becoming Under Secretary of State and Director of the State Chancellery in 1996. Following Schröder's victory as chancellor, Minister Steinmeier served as Undersecretary of State in the Chancellor's Office. He studied law and political science at the Justus-Liebig-Universität of Gießen, and holds a doctorate of law.

### **Mr. Hitoshi Tanaka**

*Senior Fellow at the Japan Center for International Exchange*

Hitoshi Tanaka became a Senior Fellow for the Japan Center for International Exchange after he served as Japan's Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister until 2005. His diplomatic career began in 1985 and has since served in many positions for Japan, including being the Director-General of the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau and the Economic Affairs Bureau; Consul-General in San Francisco, California; Deputy-General of the North American Affairs Bureau; and Director for Policy Coordination of the Foreign Policy Bureau for the Political Minister at the Japanese Embassy in London. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Kyoto University and a Master's from Oxford University.

### **His Excellency Guy Verhofstadt**

*Prime Minister of Belgium*

Guy Verhofstadt is serving as Belgium's Prime Minister for a third consecutive term. In 1972, while studying law in Ghent, he became president of the Flemish Liberal Student's Union. A decade later he became president of the Flemish Liberal Party (PVV). In 1985, he became Deputy Prime Minister and Budgetary Minister. In the early 1990s, he changed the PVV to the Flemish Liberal and Democrat Party (VLC), serving as its president in 1997. He began serving in his current position in 1999. At the behest of King Albert II, Prime Minister Verhofstadt is serving his third term as a mediator of the interim government of Belgium until a new government forms.

### **The Honorable George V. Voinovich**

*U.S. Senator*

U.S. Senator George V. Voinovich has been a Republican senator from Ohio since 1999. Senator Voinovich sits on the Committee on Foreign Relations and is Chairman of the Oversight of Government Management Subcommittee. Prior to his service in Washington D.C., Senator

Voinovich was Governor of Ohio from 1990 to 1998; Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, from 1979 to 1988; and Lieutenant Governor of Ohio in 1979. He began his career in public service as assistant attorney general of Ohio in 1963, later becoming a member of the State of Ohio House of Representatives in 1967. He has a Bachelor's degree in Government from Ohio University and a law degree from Ohio State University.

### **His Excellency Dr. Alexandr Vondra**

*Deputy Prime Minister for EU Affairs of the Czech Republic*

Previous to becoming the Czech Republic's Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs in 2007, Alexandr Vondra served as the country's foreign minister. He participated in former Czechoslovakia's democratic opposition in the 1980s and became the spokesperson for Charter 77 in 1991, as well as President Havel's foreign policy advisor. A year later, he served as the Czech Republic's first Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister. He went on to manage the Czech teams responsible for the implementation of the Czech Republic's Partnership for Peace Program and the country's pre-accession talks with NATO, until serving as Czech Ambassador to the U.S. from 1997 to 2001. In 2003, Dr. Vondra was a transatlantic fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the United States and wrote a book on the recent history of Central and Eastern Europe. He graduated from Charles University in Prague, earning a Ph.D. in Natural Sciences.

### **The Honorable Robert Wexler**

*U.S. House of Representatives Congressman*

Robert Wexler is a Democratic member of Congress from the 19th District of Florida serving his sixth term in the House of Representatives. He is a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman of the Europe Subcommittee and serves on the Judiciary Committee, Financial Services Committee, and Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee. He is the co-founder of the Caucuses on U.S.-Turkish Relations, Intellectual Property Promotion and Piracy Prevention, Taiwan and Indonesia. Prior to becoming a politician, Congressman Wexler was a lawyer. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Florida and a law degree from George Washington University.

### **The Honorable Frank Wisner**

*U.S. Special Envoy for Kosovo*

Apart from being the U.S.'s Special Envoy for the negotiations on the future status of Kosovo, Frank Wisner also serves as the Vice Chairman of the American International Group (AIG), an international insurance and financial service provider. Prior to joining AIG in 1997, he worked extensively as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service beginning in 1961. His last position was as U.S. Ambassador to India from 1994 to 1997, but he also was Ambassador to Egypt from 1986 to 1991, to the Philippines in the early 1990s, and to Zambia in 1979. He served in other capacities as well, including being Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Under Secretary of State for International Security Affairs and Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs. He also worked with the Agency for International Development (AID) in the mid-1960s in Vietnam for the pacification program. Ambassador Wisner has a Bachelor's degree from Princeton University.

### **Mr. Kenneth Wollack**

*President of National Democratic Institute for International Affairs*

Kenneth Wollack has been actively involved in foreign affairs, journalism and politics since 1972. He joined the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) in 1986 as executive vice president, and seven years later its board of directors elected him president. Before joining NDI, he co-edited the *Middle East Policy Survey*, a Washington-based newsletter, and regularly wrote about foreign affairs for the *Los Angeles Times*. From 1973 to 1980, he served as

legislative director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). He is currently a member of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid and chairman of the board of directors for the U.S. Committee for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Mr. Wollack served on George McGovern's presidential campaign staff in 1972. He is a graduate of Earlham College in Indiana and studied abroad at the University of London.

### **The Honorable Robert B. Zoellick**

*President of the World Bank*

Robert B. Zoellick, currently serving as the 11<sup>th</sup> President of the World Bank Group since 2007, has an extensive background in finance and politics. Prior to joining the Bank, he worked as a managing director and chairman of the International Advisors Department of the Goldman Sachs Group. Before becoming Deputy Secretary of the U.S. State Department in 2005, he served as the 13th U.S. Trade Representative. He also worked with ministers from nearly 150 economies to launch the Doha Development Agenda in the World Trade Organization (WTO) and to complete the framework accord for opening markets. From 1993 to 1997, Mr. Zoellick served as the Executive Vice President of Fannie Mae, a large housing finance corporation. In 1985, and for the next seven years, he began working for the U.S. Treasury Department and State Department in a variety of capacities, briefly becoming Deputy Chief of Staff at the White House and Assistant to the President. Mr. Zoellick holds a Master's degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a law degree from Harvard Law School.