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NORDIC PEACE DIPLOMACY: LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

CONFERENCE

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Eigtveds Pakhus, Meeting room III, Asiatisk Plads 2G, 1448 Copenhagen K

**Organised by the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)
on behalf of the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Denmark**

The Nordic countries have played a major role in peace diplomacy for the past 100 years. During the Cold War, the Nordic countries provided 25 percent of all the military personnel deployed on United Nations peacekeeping operations, and Nordic mediators and envoys have helped to negotiate peace agreements and facilitate peace processes in the Middle East, Sri Lanka, Kosovo and Columbia.

This conference brings together researchers, politicians, officials and opinion leaders to discuss how the Nordic peace diplomacy can continue to make a difference in the post-9/11 world characterised by the threat of terror and an increased resort to military force.

The conference is part of Norway's Centennial Anniversary 1905-2005 programme celebrating Norway's 100-year birthday as an independent state.

PROGRAMME

09.00-09.30 Registration and coffee

09.30-09.50 *Welcoming Address*
Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Per Stig **Møller**

09.50-10.15 *Introduction*
Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Jan **Petersen**

SESSION I: LOOKING BACK: 100 Years of Nordic Peace Diplomacy: Lessons from the Field

Chair: Mr Steffen **Gram**, Editor, Danish Broadcasting Corporation

10.15-10.45 *The Nordic Experience with Mediation*
Mr Terje **Rød-Larsen**, President of the International Peace Academy; former United Nations Special Coordinator for the Peace Process in the Middle East

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-11.30 *The Nordic Involvement in Peace Operations in the Balkans*
Mr Carl **Bildt**, former Prime Minister of Sweden; former High Representative in Bosnia

11.30-12.30 Panel discussion with the previous speakers

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

SESSION II: MOVING FORWARD: Partners in Peace

Chair: Dr Peter Viggo **Jakobsen**, Head of Department, Danish Institute for International Studies

14.00-14.30 *Enhancing Nordic Peace Diplomacy through the UN: Constraints and Opportunities*
Mr Martti **Ahtisaari**, Chairman of the Board of Crisis Management Initiative; former President of Finland

14.30-15.00 *Enhancing Nordic Peace Diplomacy through the EU: Constraints and Opportunities*
Mr Michael **Matthiessen**, Personal Representative on Human Rights of the Secretary General/High Representative of the CFSP

15.00-15.15 Coffee break

SESSION III: LOOKING FORWARD: Key Challenges

Chair: Mr Christian **Brøndum**, Defence journalist, Danish newspaper *Berlingske Tidende*

15.15-15.45 *Engaging the US: Possibilities for a US-Nordic Partnership in Peace Diplomacy*
Dr Charles **Kupchan**, former National Security Council official under President Clinton; Professor of International Relations, Georgetown University; Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

15.45-16.15 *Nordic Peace Diplomacy versus the Increased Resort to Force*
Dr Mats **Berdal**, Professor, Department of War Studies, King's College of London

16.15-17.00 Panel discussion with all the speakers