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Lord George Robertson

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Lord Robertson currently serves as the Senior Counselor at The Cohen Group, an international consultancy led by former U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen.

Lord Robertson began his career as an official of the General, Municipal and Boilermakers' Union, responsible for the Scottish Whisky industry in 1968. After a decade of service, he was elected as a Labor Party representative to the House of Commons for Hamilton and Hamilton South at the age of 32. He quickly earned a solid reputation as a focused and committed public servant, resulting in his reelection a total of five times. In Parliament, Lord Robertson advanced quickly to increasingly responsible positions. His record of significant accomplishments garnered him numerous recognitions.

After the 1997 general election, Prime Minister Blair named Lord Robertson as his Minister of Defense. During his service at in that position, he led the UK's active and crucial military role in the Kosovo conflict. He also pushed through a widely heralded series of reforms and modernizations of British forces during his tenure, and managed the UK participation in East Timor and in the 1998 air strikes in Iraq.

In 1999, he was invited to serve as the tenth Secretary General of NATO and Chairman of the North Atlantic Council, succeeding Dr. Javier Solana. In the four turbulent years that followed, he presided over the dramatic restructuring and enlargement of the alliance, becoming the first leader of NATO to invoke the Article V mutual defense provision after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States, and prodded NATO to deal

a prospective civil war within Macedonia in 2001 through the use of NATO peacekeepers.

In addition to his role with The Cohen Group, Lord George Robertson is Deputy Chairman of TNK-BP, BP's Moscow-based oil and gas joint venture, and Senior International Adviser to Cable and Wireless Communications plc, where he served as Deputy Chairman 2004-2006. Lord Robertson is the Non-Executive Director of The Weir Group plc and Western Ferries (Clyde), Ltd. and an advisor to Englefield Capital. He is Joint President of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) and of the UK/Russia Roundtable.

Lord Robertson was born in the village police station in Port Ellen, Isle of Islay, Scotland on April 12, 1946. His father and grandfather were village policemen (as are his brother, son and nephew), and his mother was a French teacher. Self-discipline and service to community and country are family traditions that he has continued. Lord Robertson attended the University of Dundee and received a Masters Degree with honors in economics in 1968. He has been awarded Honorary Doctorates by the Universities of Dundee and Bradford, Cranfield University (Royal Military College of Science), Baku State University of Azerbaijan, and the Romanian National School of Political and Administrative Studies in Bucharest. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an Elder Brother of Trinity House. He resides in Scotland and London.

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