



Human Security Centre

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The Lord Hannay of Chiswick GCMG



Lord Hannay of Chiswick was educated at Winchester College and New College, Oxford, and was awarded a honorary doctorate by the University of Birmingham. He served in the 8th Kings's Royal Irish Hussars between 1954 and 1956, before joining HM Diplomatic Service in 1959.

He was posted in Tehran from 1960-1, was Oriental Secretary in Kabul from 1961-3, and served in the Eastern Department of the Foreign Office from 1963-5. He was Second and then First Secretary to the UK Delegation to the European Community between 1965 and 1970, First Secretary of the UK Negotiating Team with the European Community between 1970 and 1972, and Chef de Cabinet to Sir Christopher Soames (Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities) between 1973 and 1977. In the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, he served as the Head of the Energy Science and Space Department between 1977 and 1979, Head of the Middle East Department in 1979 and Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the European Community between 1979 and 1984.

Later, he was a Minister at the British Embassy in Washington DC (1984-5), Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the European Economic Community (1985-1990), and Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, as also the UK's representative on the United Nations Security Council (1990-1995). He then served as the UK's Special Representative for Cyprus between 1996 and 2003, the Prime Minister's Personal Envoy to Turkey in 1998, and a member of the UN Secretary-General's High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change in 2003-2004.

Following his admission to the House of Lords in 2001, he has been a member of the Arctic Committee; the Intergovernmental Organisations Committee; the European Union Committee; the EU Sub Committee for Economic and Financial Affairs, and International Trade; the EU Sub Committee for Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Policy; and the EU Sub Committee for Home Affairs and the EU Sub Committee for Home Affairs, Health and Education, where he also served as Chairman. He has also been Vice-

Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on the EU since 2006, Joint Convenor of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Global Security and Non-Proliferation since 2008, and Chairman of the UN All Party Parliamentary Group. He is currently a member of the Top Level Group on Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation.

Alongside his work in the Lords, he is an Adviser at the Frontier Strategy Group, a Member of the Advisory Board at the Centre for European Reform and the Future of Europe Forum, Governor of the Ditchley Foundation, and Chair of the Senior European Experts Group. He is also a former Chairman of the Board of the United Nations Association of the UK, a former member of the Council of Britain in Europe, and a former member of the TANGGUH Independent Advisory Panel. He has authored two books: *Cyprus: The Search for a Solution* (2005) and *Britain's Quest For a Role: A Diplomatic Memoir from Europe to the UN* (2012).

Lord Hannay is also the recipient of several honours and awards. In the Order of St Michael and St George, he was first appointed a Companion in 1981, a Knight Commander in 1986, and a Knight Grand Cross in 1995. He was made a life peer in 2001, appointed Pro-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham between 2001 and 2006, and made a Companion of Honour in 2003.