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DR. HANS BLIX CV (as of 31 January 2007)

Dr. Hans Blix was born in 1928 in Uppsala, Sweden. He studied at the University of Uppsala; Columbia University, where he was also a research graduate; and at Cambridge University, where he received his Ph.D. In 1959, Dr. Blix became Doctor of Laws at the Stockholm University, and, in 1960, was appointed Associate Professor in International Law.

From 1963 to 1976, Dr. Blix served as Adviser on International Law in the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1976, he became Under-Secretary of State, in charge of international development cooperation. He was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs in October 1978.

He served as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency for four terms, from 1981 till 1997.

He is the Chairman of the Assembly of Contributors of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund since 1998.

Dr. Blix was appointed Executive Chairman of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) for Iraq by the UN Secretary-General in January 2000. He took up his duties on 1 March 2000 and left the post at the end of June 2003, with the expiry of his third contract.

As of January 2004 Dr. Blix chairs the independent international Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission (WMDC). Its Final Report *“Weapons of Terror, Freeing the World of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Arms”* was presented to the public on 1 June 2006.

Dr. Blix has several honorary doctorates and is a recipient of a number of decorations and awards. He is a member of the Institut de Droit International and an honorary member of the American Society of International Law. In November 2006, Dr. Blix was appointed President of

the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA), a position he will hold for a three-year term.

Dr. Blix has written several books on subjects associated with international and constitutional law. He has further written many articles on questions relating to energy and to the problems of spread of nuclear weapons. In 1980, Dr. Blix was the leader of the Liberal Campaign Committee in connection with the referendum on the Swedish nuclear energy programme. He published the book, "*Disarming Iraq*" in March 2004.

Dr. Blix lives in Stockholm and is married to Eva Kettis, formerly ambassador in charge of Arctic and Antarctic issues in the Swedish Foreign Ministry. They have two sons.