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Speakers' Biographies

H.E. Ms Anne Anderson, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations in New York

Anne Anderson, presented her credentials as the new Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, on 11 September 2009 to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Until her appointment, Ms. Anderson was her country's Ambassador to France since July 2005; and concurrently since January 2007, as non-resident Ambassador to Monaco. From 2001 to 2005, Ms. Anderson served as Permanent Representative to the European Union in Brussels; before which she was Ireland's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, where her responsibilities also included Chair of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (1999-2000); Vice-President of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (1997); and Chair of Trade Policy Review Body, World Trade Organization.

During her long diplomatic service, the new envoy, having entered the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1972, has also served as Assistant Secretary General, Administration, Department of Foreign Affairs (1991-1995); Counsellor, Anglo-Irish Division, Department of Foreign Affairs (1987-1991); Press Attaché, Embassy of Ireland in Washington, D.C. (1985-1987); Economic Attaché, Embassy of Ireland in Washington, D.C. (1983-1985); First Secretary, Political Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs (1980-1983); First Secretary, Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Geneva (1976-1980); First Secretary, Economic Division, Department of Foreign Affairs (1974-1976); and Third Secretary, Economic Division of the same Department (1972-1974).

Born in July 1952 in Clonmel, County Tipperary, Ms. Anderson studied at Dublin's University College, where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts in history and politics, and at Kings Inns where she obtained a diploma in legal studies.

H.E. Mr Baso Sangqu, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations in New York

Baso Sangqu, presented his credentials as the new Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on March 17, 2009.

At the time of his appointment, Mr. Sangqu was Deputy Permanent Representative from 2007, having previously been South Africa's Ambassador to the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, between November 2002 and 2006. While working as Acting Chief Director for Economic Development, Multilateral Development and Cooperation in the Department of Foreign Affairs between October 2001 and 2002, Mr. Sangqu also served as Head of the Substance Unit for the (Johannesburg) World Summit on Sustainable Development from February 2001 to 2002.

From July to October 2001, he was Acting Chief Director for Marine, Environment, Science and Technology, Multilateral Development and Cooperation. He was appointed Director for Social

and Economic Programmes, African Multilateral Development and Cooperation upon joining the Department of Foreign Affairs in October 2000. His previous Government service included appointments as a Policy Analyst and Research Consultant, in the Economic and Development Section of the Office of the President, from March to July 2000, and Chief Education Specialist in the National Department of Education from January 1996 to May 1998.

Mr. Sangqu holds a Master's degree in development economics from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, and a Bachelor's degree in commerce (economics and commercial law) from the University of Transkei.

H.E. Mr Arturo Hernández Basave, Deputy Permanent Representative of México to the UN in Geneva

Ms Susanna Campbell, Research Fellow at the Centre on Conflict, Development, and Peacebuilding at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva.

Ms Campbell has been investigating the capacity of international intervention to prevent violent conflict and build peace for the past fourteen years, including with: the Center for Preventive Action of the Council on Foreign Relations (New York, 1996-1999); the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response (FEWER) (London/Kenya, 1999-2000); UNICEF Burundi (2000-2002); and, since 2003, as an independent consultant for the International Crisis Group, International Alert, The World Bank Post-Conflict Fund, the National Defense University, Catholic Relief Services, UK Department for International Development (DfID), the World Bank Fragile and Conflict-Affected States Group; and the Integrated UN Office in Burundi/UN Peacebuilding Support Office. Ms Campbell has published numerous reports and articles on peacebuilding and statebuilding effectiveness, including those published by the Council on Foreign Relations, International Alert, International Crisis Group, *International Peacekeeping*, and the *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*.

Mr Scott Weber, Director-General of Interpeace

As Director-General of Interpeace, Scott Weber oversees the strategic growth and development of the organization and provides support to Interpeace's field teams. Since his nomination to the position in 2005, Scott Weber has led the process of restructuring the organization and re-branding as well as expanding the organization's operational presence and budgets. Interpeace was highlighted for its innovative model for conflict resolution at the 2006 and 2007 Clinton Global Initiatives. In 2009, Scott was selected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.

Scott began his career in the United Nations, first with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and then as a Political Officer in the Office of the Director-General of the UN in Geneva. Prior to his appointment as Director General, Scott acted as the Special Assistant to the Director General of Interpeace and Program Officer for Rwanda. Scott is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO). He holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations, Economics and Russian from Georgetown University and has completed an Executive Education programme in Leadership and Public Policy at Harvard University's JFK School of Government. Scott is French and American.