

# MARTTI AHTISAARI

## Curriculum Vitae

Mr. Ahtisaari was elected President of the Republic of Finland in February 1994. He held office from the 1st of March 1994 to the 29th of February 2000. Soon after leaving office, Mr. Ahtisaari founded the Crisis Management Initiative (CMI). In 2005, Ahtisaari and CMI facilitated the peace process between the Government of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement. Between 14 November 2005 and 29 February 2008, Ahtisaari was Special Envoy to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the future status process for Kosovo. Martti Ahtisaari was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2008.

## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Martti Ahtisaari was for much of his career a civil servant in the Finnish Foreign Ministry and the United Nations.

*Various posts in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, 1965-1973*

*Ambassador of Finland to the United Republic of Tanzania, 1973-1976, accredited to Zambia, Somalia and Mozambique, 1975-1976*

*Member of the Senate of the UN Institute for Namibia, 1975-1976*

*United Nations Commissioner for Namibia, 1977-1981*

*Special Representative of the Secretary General for Namibia, 1978-1988*

*Undersecretary of State in charge of International Development*

*Co-operation in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, 1984-1986*

*Undersecretary-General the UN for Administration and Management 1987-1991,*

*leading the UN operation (UNTAG) in Namibia, 1989-1990*

*State Secretary in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, 1991-1993*

*Chairman of the Bosnia-Herzegovina Working Group*

*of the International Conference on the former Yugoslavia, 1992-1993,*

*and Special Adviser to the International Conference on the former Yugoslavia*

*and to the Secretary General's Special Representative for former Yugoslavia in 1993*

*President of the Republic of Finland, 1994-2000*

In 1999, during his remaining time as President of Finland Mr. Ahtisaari, former Prime-Minister of Russia Victor Chernomyrdin, and US Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott facilitated together the withdrawal of the Yugoslav/Serbian military and security forces from Kosovo and the establishment there of an international security and civil presence.

## **POST PRESIDENTIAL TASKS**

Upon completion of his one term in office as President of Finland, Martti Ahtisaari founded the Crisis Management Initiative, an NGO dedicated to conflict resolution, crisis management and peace mediation, in year 2000.

*Co-drafting of a report on the human rights and political situation in Austria in 2000*

*Inspector of the IRA's arms dumps with fellow inspector Cyril Ramaphosa, 2000*

*Chair of the independent panel on the security and safety of UN personnel in Iraq, 2003*

*Personal Envoy of the OSCE CiO for Central Asia, 2003-2004*

*UN Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, 2003-2005*

*Facilitator in the peace process between the Government of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement in 2005. The process led to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, thereby ending three decades of conflict in Aceh.*

*Special Envoy to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the future status process for Kosovo, 2005-2008*

*Chairman of the Board, International Crisis Group*

*Co-Chair of the Board, the East-West Institute*

*Co-Chair of the European Council on Foreign Relations*

*Member of the Elders*

*Member of the Prize Committee of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation*

## **CURRENT TASKS**

As the *Founder of CMI*, President Ahtisaari continues to support CMI's work in selected areas.

*Chairman of the Independent Commission on Turkey*, charged with examining the challenges and opportunities presented by Turkey's possible membership of the European Union.

*Emeritus Member of The Elders*

## **EDUCATION**

Mr. Ahtisaari graduated from the University of Oulu in 1959 and received an Honorary Doctorate (Pedagogy) from the University in 1989. He holds several Honorary Doctorates from a variety of fields and countries.

## **AWARDS**

President Ahtisaari has received numerous awards and decorations:

*Honorary Citizen of Namibia, 1992*

*Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Award, 2000*

*The Hessen Peace Prize, 2000*

*The J. William Fulbright Award for International Understanding, 2000*

*Honorary Officer in the Order of Australia, 2002*

*Order of the Companions of Oliver Tambo (Supreme Companion) of South Africa, 2004*

*Tribute of Appreciation by the Department of the State of the USA, 2005*

*The Gold Medal from the American-Scandinavian Foundation, 2006*

*Manfred Wörner Medal of the German Ministry of Defense, 2007*

*UNESCO Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize, 2008*

*Nobel Peace Prize, 2008*