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Urban Ahlin

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Resumé

Urban Ahlin was elected Speaker of the Riksdag after the 2014 parliamentary elections.

For the past twenty years, Urban Ahlin has worked in the field of foreign policy. In the Riksdag, he has been a member of the Advisory Council on Foreign Affairs, a member of the War Delegation and Deputy Head of the Swedish delegation to the NATO parliamentary assembly. He has also been a member of the Swedish Defence Commission and of the all-party Committee of Inquiry on Export Control of Military Equipment.

Urban Ahlin has been member of the Riksdag since 1994, representing the Swedish Social Democratic Party. He has held the position of Foreign Policy Spokesperson for the party. Between 2002 and 2006, he held the position of Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and between 2006 and 2014 he was the Deputy Chair of the Committee. Urban Ahlin has also been Chair of the party organisation of his constituency and a member of the Social Democratic Party's Executive Board.

Urban Ahlin has extensive experience of international affairs. Together with economist and philanthropist George Soros, he was a founding member of the first pan-European think-tank,

The Riksdag is Sweden's supreme decision-making assembly. Its 349 members are chosen in general elections every 4 years. The Speaker is the foremost representative of the Riksdag.

the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR). Bringing together politicians, intellectuals and business people from across Europe, the ECFR initiates debates on European foreign policy across the continent. As a member of the Board of Directors of the EastWest Institute Urban Ahlin contributed with his expert knowledge of Russia and Eastern Europe. He has also been a member of the Trilateral Commission.

On behalf of former Secretary of State Ms Condoleezza Rice, Urban Ahlin acted as a backchannel between the US Administration and the Government of Belarus. These efforts successfully contributed to the release of the imprisoned democratic presidential candidate Aleksander Kozulin. He also mediated on behalf of two Swedish construction workers who were falsely accused of espionage and sentenced to prison for two years in Iran. This action, together with contacts with the Iranian Government, led to the release of the two Swedes in 2007. In 2007, Urban Ahlin received the Cross of Commander from the President of Lithuania.

Urban Ahlin is a teacher and graduated from the University of Karlstad with a Master of Science in Education.

Urban Ahlin is married and has two daughters.