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Dr. Philip Gordon was special assistant to the president and White House Coordinator for the Middle East, North Africa, and the Gulf Region from 2013–15. As the most senior White House official focused on the greater Middle East, he worked closely with the president, secretary of state, and national security advisor on issues including the Iranian nuclear program, Middle East peace negotiations, the conflict in Syria, security in Iraq, U.S. relations with the gulf states, the democratic transitions in North Africa, and bilateral relations with Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and Lebanon. He chaired numerous interagency processes, regularly engaged foreign leaders, and directed a staff of some twenty directors and other national security specialists.

Prior to joining the National Security Council staff, Dr. Gordon served as Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs under Secretary of State Hillary Clinton from May 2009 through March 2013. As head of the department's largest bureau, he managed a Washington, DC-based staff of nearly 400, an overseas staff of more than 7,000, and oversaw a budget of over \$1 billion. Dr. Gordon was responsible for 50 countries in Europe and Eurasia as well as for NATO, the European Union (EU) and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). Working closely with Secretary of State Clinton, his priorities for the region included cooperation with Europe on global issues; promoting U.S. commercial and business interests; extending stability, prosperity and democracy to eastern Europe, the Balkans and the Caucasus; and developing bilateral cooperation with Russia and with Turkey.

From 2000–08, Dr. Gordon served as a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. In 2004 he became the founding director of the Center on the United States and Europe (CUSE), which undertook research and ran programs focused on expanding global cooperation between the United States and its transatlantic partners. In 2006, Dr. Gordon became Senior Fellow in U.S. Foreign Policy and focused his research on U.S. foreign policy particularly toward Europe and the greater Middle East.

From 1998–99 Dr. Gordon served as Director for European Affairs at the National Security Council under President Bill Clinton. He was responsible for NATO, the EU, the OSCE, France, Turkey, Greece and Cyprus. From 1994–98 he served as senior fellow and editor of the quarterly journal *Survival* at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. He has also held research and teaching positions at INSEAD, the global graduate business school in Fontainebleau, France; the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik in Bonn, Germany; the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris, France; the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C.; and RAND, in Santa Monica, California. He has won a number of scholarships and prizes, including the *Prix Littéraire France-Etats-Unis* for his book *Le Nouveau Défi Français* (*The French Challenge*, 2002); a Council on Foreign Relations

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Dr. Gordon received his Ph.D. in international relations and international economics from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in 1991; he also has an M.A. from SAIS (1987) and a B.A. from Ohio University (1984). Dr. Gordon is the author of a number of books and monographs on international relations and foreign policy and has published numerous articles in journals and magazines such as *Foreign Affairs*, *The National Interest*, *The New Republic*, *The American Interest*, *Survival*, *International Security*, *The Washington Quarterly*, *Time*, and *Newsweek*. He has been a regular contributor of opinion pieces to newspapers including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Financial Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe* and *Le Monde*. Dr. Gordon is proficient in French, Italian, and German and reads Spanish.