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On 2 March 2012, Jan Eliasson was appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

He took office as Deputy Secretary-General on July 1st 2012. Mr. Eliasson was from 2007-2008 the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for Darfur. Prior to this, Jan Eliasson served as President of the 60th session of the UN General Assembly. He was Sweden’s Ambassador to the US from September 2000 until July 2005 and Sweden’s Ambassador to the UN in New York 1988-92, when he also served as the Secretary-General’s Personal Representative for Iran/Iraq. In 1992, Mr. Eliasson was appointed as the first UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and was involved in operations in Africa and the Balkans. He took initiatives on landmines, conflict prevention and humanitarian action. In March 2006, Mr. Eliasson was appointed Foreign Minister of Sweden and served in this capacity until the elections in the fall of 2006.

Mr. Eliasson would like to share thoughts and highlights from his long diplomatic career with a particular focus on his experience of coming back to the UN in his new role as Deputy Secretary-General. He will share impressions from his first months as Deputy Secretary-General and his mandate in the areas of conflict management, development and the rule of law.