

Dr. Robert Orr

Assistant Secretary-General For Policy Coordination and Strategic Planning

In August 2004, after a distinguished career in both academia and the U.S. civil service, Dr. Robert Orr was appointed Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Planning at the United Nations.

Prior to that he had an illustrious stint at Harvard University as Executive Director of the Kennedy School of Government's Belfer Centre for Science and International Affairs.

From 1996 until 2001, Dr. Orr was in senior positions such as Deputy to the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. and Director of the U.S. - United Nations Office in Washington D.C. where he was credited with being "instrumental in securing an agreement to have the United States pay its arrears to the United Nations."

His earlier experience in the International Peace Academy in New York served him well as Director of Global and Multilateral Affairs at the National Security Council. He was responsible for peacekeeping and humanitarian affairs.

Dr. Orr received his M.P.A. and PhD. in International Relations from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University. His Bachelor's degree was from U.C.L.A. His various publications include post-conflict reconstruction, the United Nations, peacekeeping and democracy promotion. He speaks Mandarin and Spanish.