



ROYAL NORWEGIAN MINISTRY
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Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Dear Hillary!

It was with profound sadness that I learned of the death of Ambassador Richard Holbrooke on Monday 13 December.

Ambassador Holbrooke was an outstanding diplomat and showed an inspiring drive and commitment in his life-long efforts for peace and a better world. He exemplified the fine qualities of American and international diplomatic leadership, and was a towering, one-of-a-kind presence. Few diplomats in the history of the US have had such a far-reaching resumé.

We are proud to have worked closely with Ambassador Holbrooke on the Balkans, as well as on Afghanistan and Pakistan, where he played a key role in establishing and developing the international contact group to support stability and peace in the region. He had a deep understanding of the value of diplomacy and dialogue in the resolution of armed conflict.

We greatly appreciate Ambassador Holbrooke's life-long endeavours to alleviate the suffering of people affected by armed conflict, including his commitment to assisting refugees and the internally displaced. We also remember with gratitude his efforts at the United Nations, where he worked to strengthen US commitment and place new issues on the UN agenda, such as the global HIV-AIDS crisis.

On behalf of the Norwegian Government, I would like to convey my deepest condolences to you and Ambassador Holbrooke's family and to the American people for this sad loss.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jonas Gahr Støre'.

Jonas Gahr Støre

H.E. Hillary Rodham Clinton
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WASHINGTON D.C.