

Carl Bildt has, since May 1999, been the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for the Balkans. His involvement with Balkan affairs stretches back to the spring of 1995 when he succeeded Lord Owen as the EU Special Representative. A Member of Parliament in Sweden since 1979, Carl Bildt served as the country's Prime Minister, leading a four-party coalition. His career in politics has ranged from the Chairmanship of the Moderate Student Association and then the European Democratic Party. Carl Bildt has had wide experience in foreign and security affairs: in Sweden he was a member of the Royal Advisory Council on Foreign Affairs. During his tenure as Prime Minister, he launched Sweden as a country of the IT revolution: he launched and chaired the IT Commission. He has since actively maintained this interest, today serving as Senior Advisor to the VC firm IT-Provider (itprovider.com) and as a member of the board of the IT-Provider. His published works include: *The Country that Stepped out into the Cold* (1972), *A Future in Freedom* (1976), *A Citizen of Halland* (1977). Carl Bildt is the holder of various senior honours and decorations from France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Estonia and Latvia. Born on 15 July 1949 in Halmstad, Sweden, Carl Bildt has two children, Gunnel (10) and Nils (8). He is married to Italian national. *Office of the High Representative*