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Jonas Gahr Støre

Jonas Gahr Støre is the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs, a position he was appointed to in 2005 under the Second Cabinet Stoltenberg, the current government of Norway. From 2000-2001 Mr. Gahr Støre worked as the State Secretary and Chief of Staff in the Office of the Prime Minister under Jens Stoltenberg's first government.

In addition to his political postings, Jonas Gahr Støre has held other positions in the Norwegian government and with international organizations. Before taking the job of Minister of Foreign Affairs, he served as Secretary General of the Norwegian Red Cross from 2003-2005. In 2002 Mr. Gahr Støre was the Executive Chairman of Econ Analysis, an

international consulting firm offering insights into interactions of markets, technology and policies. His first major international position came when he served as Chief of Staff of the World Health Organization. In 1998 he served as Ambassador for the Norwegian Mission to the United Nations in Geneva. Mr. Gahr Støre worked as Director General of the International Department (1995-1998) and as Special Advisor (1989-1995) in the Office of the Prime Minister.

At the beginning of his professional career, Mr. Gahr Støre worked as a researcher at the Norwegian School of Management from 1986-1989, and as a teaching fellow with the Harvard Negotiations Project at Harvard Law School in 1986.

Mr. Gahr Støre belongs to the Norwegian Labor Party. He attended Berg School in Oslo followed by naval officer training at the Royal Norwegian Naval Academy. He later obtained his degree in political science, specializing in history and social economics at the Paris Institute of Political Studies (also referred to as Sciences Po). He also briefly enrolled at the London School of Economics as a PhD student.

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