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## THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL NAMES VETERAN DIPLOMAT AS DIRECTOR OF ASIA PROGRAM

Washington, DC - The Atlantic Council of the United States is pleased to announce that Joseph Snyder will join the Council as Director of the Council's Asia Programs on July 1. Mr. Snyder, who served until recently as the Executive Director of the Asia Society Washington Center, was a career State Department diplomat who served in several postings in Asia and Europe.

"Joe brings to the Council a wealth of experience in Asian and transatlantic affairs that one rarely finds in one individual," said Frederick Kempe, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Atlantic Council. "He understands well not only Asia's rapid development but also its global context, including the challenges and opportunities for the Euro-Atlantic community."

The Atlantic Council's Asia Programs focus on key security and policy challenges for the region, and have ranged from how best to address the North Korean threat and improve relations between Taiwan and China to energy and environmental challenges for the region. The Atlantic Council also houses senior fellows from Korea, Taiwan and mainland China.

Said Mr. Snyder: "The Atlantic Council's Asia Programs have a rich history and are well-respected both in Washington and the region. I look forward to building upon them during a time of incredible dynamism and historic change in Asia."

Joseph Snyder was Executive Director of the Asia Society Washington Center 2002-2007. Prior to that, Mr. Snyder was President of the American Australian Association in New York 1998-2002. He served for thirty years as a Foreign Service officer in the U.S. Department of State, with positions in American diplomatic and consular missions in Thailand, Iran, Taiwan, Malaysia and Austria. In Washington, Joseph Snyder headed the State Department Press Office and acted as Department Spokesman. He also directed the Department's Office of United Nations Political Affairs.

Mr. Snyder replaces Dr. Banning Garrett who is now leading a new institute, the Institute for Sino-American International Dialogue (ISAID), at the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver. Dr. Garrett will continue his close

association with the Atlantic Council as Senior Adviser and through ISAID will continue to collaborate with the Council on current and future programming on Asia.

**Additional biographical notes on Joseph Snyder:**

Mr. Snyder graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and earned an M.A. in International Relations from Yale University. He speaks German, French and Chinese. Mr. Snyder is also a Director of the United States - New Zealand Council, the Melbourne University USA Foundation and the Malaysia America Society. He and his wife Ann have two daughters, Michelle Brady and Amy Wakefield.

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