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## THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL NAMES ANNA ELIASSON SCHAMIS VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The Atlantic Council of the United States is pleased to announce that Anna Eliasson Schamis has joined the Council as Vice President, Development and External Relations.

Anna will lead our efforts in advancing and increasing funding opportunities at the Atlantic Council and maintaining relationships with our corporate, individual and board members.

Her development work will include fundraising for the upcoming Annual Awards Dinner honoring Alan Greenspan for Distinguished International Leadership, General James Jones for Distinguished Military Leadership, and Stephen Schwarzman for Distinguished Business Leadership on April 30, 2007 at the Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC.

She will be in overall charge of the Office of External Relations, reporting directly to Atlantic Council President and CEO Fred Kempe. The office also has responsibility for media and external communication.

Anna brings to the Council significant experience in development. Most recently, she was a development director at the Aspen Institute in Washington DC. Prior to Anna's time at the Aspen Institute, she was a senior development officer at Cornell University. Currently, she also serves on the Board of Directors of the United States Association for UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees).

A native of Sweden educated in the United States, Anna graduated from Harvard College and holds an MA and MPhil in political science from Columbia University. She was a Fellow in Cornell University's Peace Studies Program and a Research Associate at the Institute for European Studies. Anna's research focused on the formation of NATO and the foreign policy of small states in Europe.

*"The Atlantic Council couldn't have invented a better person for this job," said Frederick Kempe. "Anna brings to us not only a proven track record of non-profit development but also intellectual commitment to our mission of energizing the Atlantic community for 21<sup>st</sup> Century challenges."*

### **Additional biographical notes on Anna Eliasson Schamis:**

Anna is married to Hector Schamis, a faculty member at the School of International Service, American University, whose research focuses on economic reform and democratization in Latin America and Eastern Europe. She is a daughter of diplomats, Jan Eliasson, currently the UN Special Envoy to Darfur and former Swedish foreign minister and President of the UN General Assembly, and Kerstin Eliasson, former Swedish Deputy Minister of Education and Science. Anna resides with her husband and three children in Washington, DC.

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