



John Bolton

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John R. Bolton was appointed as United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations on August 1, 2005 and served until his resignation in December 2006. Prior to his appointment, Bolton served as Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security from May 2001 to May 2005.

During his tenure at the United Nations, Bolton was a tenacious and outspoken advocate of U.S. efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, push Syria out of Lebanon and bring African peacekeepers into shaky Somalia. He worked vigorously against North Korea's nuclear weapons and missile programs, moving very strong sanctions resolutions through the U.N. Security Council within days of Pyongyang's July 4, 2006, ballistic missile tests and its Oct. 9, 2006 nuclear test. Bolton and France's ambassador led the Security Council to approve a unanimous resolution to end the summer 2006 Hezbollah war on Israel, to authorize U.N. peacekeepers and to create an arms embargo against Hezbollah. He also assembled an international coalition that blocked the bid of Hugo Chavez, Venezuela's Marxist strongman, to join the Security Council. This anti-authoritarian alliance survived 47 ballots. An eventual compromise helped moderate Panama fill that spot.

Bolton was also an advocate for human rights while serving at the UN. He arranged the Security Council's first deliberations on Burma's human rights abuses. He invited actor George Clooney and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel to brief the Security Council in September 2006 on the Khartoum regime's mass-murder of non-Arabs in Darfur, Sudan. "Every day we delay only adds to the suffering of the Sudanese people and extends the genocide," Bolton said. He engineered the Security Council's approval of 22,500 U.N. peacekeepers in Darfur. Bolton worked to pressure Sudan's government to accept these personnel atop the 7,000 African Union soldiers already on site.

Bolton has spent many years of his career in public service. Previous positions he has held include assistant secretary for International Organization Affairs at the Department of State, 1989-1993; assistant attorney general, Department of Justice, 1985-1989; assistant administrator for Program and Policy Coordination, U.S. Agency for International Development, 1982-1983; and general counsel, U.S. Agency for International Development, 1981-1982.

Bolton is also an attorney. Currently, he is of counsel at Kirkland & Ellis LLC with a focus on counseling clients on domestic and international issues in complex corporate, litigation, internal investigations, regulatory and competition matters. From 1974-1981, he was an associate at the Washington office of Covington & Burling, where he returned as a partner in the firm from 1983-1985.

Bolton is the author of *Surrender is Not an Option: Defending America at the U.N. and Abroad*, published by Simon and Shuster (November 2007) and *How Barack Obama is Endangering our National Sovereignty*, published by Encounter Books (April 2010).

Bolton currently serves as a foreign policy senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (“AEI”), a contributor to FOX News Channel and his op-ed articles are regularly featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Times*. AEI is a nonprofit public policy center dedicated to preserving and strengthening the foundations of freedom through research education, and open debate.

Bolton was born in Baltimore, MD, on November 20, 1948. He graduated with a B.A., summa cum laude, from Yale University and received his J.D. in 1974. He currently resides in Maryland with his wife, Gretchen. He has one daughter, Jennifer Sarah, an investment banker in Hong Kong.