

IN MEMORIAM

PETER SUTHERLAND

25th April 1946 – 7th January 2018



Valedictory in Dublin on 9th May 2010

EUROPEAN CHAIRMAN THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION 2001-2010

Peter Sutherland served as a strong, effective and inspiring advocate for his country, Ireland, for the furtherance and strengthening of an ever-closer European Union - the “noble project” - and, as a truly committed internationalist, for ensuring that the global responsibilities of the major industrialized trilateral countries remain at the top of their priorities. He consistently and forthrightly advanced the values on which the Commission was founded - strengthening the ties between the Trilateral regions and working to secure a rule-based multilateral system to encourage global trade, security and respect for human rights, including the rights of migrants, whether forced or voluntary.

Peter Sutherland served as Attorney General of Ireland, Member of the European Commission, Director General of the GATT and Founder of the World Trade Organisation, Chairman of Allied Irish Banks, Goldman Sachs International and BP. The UN Secretary General also appointed Peter his Special Representative for Migration. Peter also served the Holy See in many capacities, including as H.H. The Pope’s Special Adviser for migration and refugees. He served as European Chairman of the Commission (2001-2010), and then as Honorary European Chairman until his death in Dublin on 7th January 2018. He was presented the David Rockefeller International Leadership Award -- with Zbigniew Brzezinski and Sadako Ogata -- in 1998 on the occasion of the Commission’s 25th Anniversary ceremony in New York City.

Peter’s colleagues and many friends on the Commission remember him with fondness and deep respect for his contributions to global problem solving, for his unfailing good humour, and for his courage in the face of growing challenges to the principles for which he fought.

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