



### **Biography of Ambassador Frank G. Wisner**

Frank G. Wisner joined the American International Group as Vice Chairman, External Affairs on August 27, 1997. He is a member of AIG's Board of Directors.

Before joining AIG, Wisner was a member of the United States Foreign Service and held the personal rank of Career Ambassador, the highest grade in the Foreign Service. From August 1994 until July 1997, Mr. Wisner served as Ambassador to India. Before New Delhi, his most recent assignment was as Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, from January 1993 to June 1994. Prior to that, he served as Under Secretary of State for International Security Affairs from July 1992 until January 1993. Mr. Wisner represented the United States in the Philippines as Ambassador from August 1991 until June 1992; served as Ambassador to Egypt from August 1986 until June 1991. Mr. Wisner was Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs from April 1982 to April 1986, a period of intense diplomatic engagement in Southern Africa at a time of conflict in Angola, Mozambique and Namibia and in the history of the end of Apartheid in South Africa. He served as Ambassador to Zambia from August 1979 to April 1982.

Frank G. Wisner joined the State Department as a Foreign Service Officer in December 1961, and after Western Arabic Language training in Morocco, was assigned to Algiers. In 1964, he was detailed to the Agency for International Development in Vietnam. He remained in Vietnam until 1968, serving in succession as Staff Aide to the Deputy Chief of Mission, Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Civil Operation, and Senior Advisor to the Vietnamese province of Tuyen Duc.

Returning to Washington in December 1968, Mr. Wisner was Officer in Charge of Tunisian Affairs in the State Department, where he remained until July 1971, when he was named chief of the Economic-Commercial Section at the American Embassy in Tunis. He then serviced as chief of the Political Section in Dhaka from July 1973 until March 1974. From March 1974 until April 1975, Mr. Wisner was Director of Plans and Management in the Bureau of Public Affairs in Washington. He then joined the President's Interagency Task Force on Indochina – the agency responsible for evacuating and then settling nearly one million refugees. He was Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Joseph Sisco, from August 1975 until July 1976. Mr. Wisner was named Director of the Office of Southern African Affairs in July 1976 and worked with Secretary Kissinger to launch negotiations over Zimbabwe and Namibia. At the beginning of President Carter's administration, he joined Secretary Vance's staff as Deputy Executive Secretary of the Department of State.

Currently, he is on the board of U.S. India Business Council. Frank Wisner is a member of the Boards of Directors of EOG Resources and Ethan Allen in addition to his duties on the Boards of ALICO and the AIG Investment Bank in Russia. Mr. Wisner is on the Board of Hakluyt, a British corporate investigation firm. Frank Wisner also serves as Vice Chairman of the U.S. Bangladesh Business Council and Vice Chairman of the Business Council on International Understanding. His non-profit board affiliations include Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the American University of Beirut, the American University of Cairo, the American School of Tangiers, Refugees' International, United Service Organisation, The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Business Committee, Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown, Princeton University's Middle Eastern Affairs Advisory Board and The American Hospital in Paris.

Frank Wisner was born in New York in 1938. He graduated from Princeton University with a B.A. degree in 1961. He is married to the former Christine de Ganay. They have four children.