



POWER IN PRINCIPLE: INTRODUCING THE ALLIANCE FOR DIPLOMACY AND JUSTICE

WELCOME MESSAGE

A New Force for Global Human Rights and Justice

Dear Friends,

We are honored to introduce the Alliance for Diplomacy and Justice – a network of former ambassadors, special representatives, and special envoys committed to advancing a principled U.S. foreign policy grounded in diplomacy, justice, and human rights.

The United States' approach to human rights has always been contested. Our history reflects both moments of inspiration and episodes of profound failure. As experts in women's rights and gender equality, trafficking in persons, racial justice, worker's rights, global criminal justice, youth, Afghan women and girls, and LGBTQI+ rights, we're acutely aware of the value of American contributions and where the U.S. has fallen short. Even so, U.S. foreign policy has carried the possibility of progress. The Alliance was founded to help realize that possibility: to build a more durable and inclusive framework for diplomacy—one informed by past shortcomings, focused on the most marginalized, and responsive to today's global transformations.

The pace of change today is staggering as the Trump administration dismantles all that was good about the United States' human rights work. Executive orders have targeted human rights groups by labeling them "domestic terrorist organizations." Unqualified and ideologically extreme nominees have been advanced to lead key agencies. Long-standing human rights structures at the State Department have been shuttered. The administration has withdrawn the United States from a number of human rights institutions. And at the opening of the UN General Assembly, nationalist rhetoric displaced serious engagement. In our briefings for lawmakers, international stakeholders, and the press, we emphasize how these choices reverberate far beyond the halls of government. They undermine U.S. prosperity, accountability, and credibility abroad, while destabilizing the rule of law, public health, and human rights globally and leaving Americans less safe and less prosperous.

The Alliance was created to respond to this moment – one in which America's commitments to rights and diplomacy are under attack. Our mission is to defend those values, mitigate immediate damage, and advance a forward-looking vision of global leadership that is inclusive, principled, and sustainable.

"The Alliance brings principled leadership, seasoned expertise, and urgency to the front lines of the fight for human rights. This is a mission all Americans should rally behind."

— **Wendy Sherman, Former Deputy U.S. Secretary of State**