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Mr. Bondevik was born in Molde, Norway, on 3 September 1947. He is married to Bjørg Bondevik (born Rasmussen). They have three children.

Mr. Bondevik is a Theological Candidate from Norway's Free Faculty of Theology. In 1979 he was ordained as a priest in the Lutheran Church of Norway.

Mr. Bondevik is the founder of the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights and the Center's President since the opening of the Center in August 2005.

Mr. Bondevik was appointed Special Humanitarian Envoy for the Horn of Africa by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on 2 February 2006, in response to recurrent drought and food insecurity devastating the region.

Mr. Bondevik was Prime Minister of Norway 1997 – 2000 and 2001 – 2005. He was Minister of Foreign Affairs 1989-1990, Minister of Church and Education 1983-1986 and State Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister 1972-1973.

Mr. Bondevik was a member of Stortinget (the Parliament) from 1973 – 2005 representing the Christian Democratic Party. He was a deputy member 1969-1973 and the party's Parliamentary Leader 1981-1983, 1986-1989, 1993-1997 and 2000-2001.

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Mr. Bondevik is an Honorary Doctor of law at Suffolk University in Boston, USA, Honorary Doctor of Politics at Wonkwang University in Seoul, Republic of Korea, Honorary Doctor of Philosophy at Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Republic of Korea and Honorary Professor at the Gumiljov University in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Mr. Bondevik is bearer of the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olav, the Grand Cross of Latvia's Terra Mariana Order, the Grand Cross of Italia's Order of Merit, the Grand Cross of Portugal's Order of Merit and the Grand Cross of Guatemala's Order of the Quetzal.