

## SWEDEN'S LEADERSHIP OF THE OSCE

## **Priorities For 2021**

## Witness Biography

Ann Linde

## Chairperson-in-Office, OSCE

Ann Linde (born in 1961) is the current Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden. She has held that office since September 2019. Prior to that, Ms. Linde served as Minister for European Union Affairs and Trade, and from 2014 to 2016 she was State Secretary at Ministry for Home Affairs. From 2013 to 2014, she served as Head of the International Unit for the Party of European Socialists (PES), based in Brussels. She was the International Secretary of the Swedish Social Democratic Party from 2000 to 2013.

In the 1980s, she worked for several non-governmental organizations and during the 1990s she worked at the Swedish Government Offices, holding both political and non-political positions.

Among her numerous assignments she has served as a board member of the Olof Palme International Centre and the Anna Lindh Memorial Fund.

Ms. Linde has a bachelor's degree in political science, sociology, and economics from Stockholm University. She is married, has two children and lives in Stockholm.

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