

I first joined the International Peace Institute (IPI) Board in June 2014. In June 2018, at the Board's request, I became Chair. These are honorary, unpaid positions and I have never received any remuneration from the IPI. I have given my time freely because it is a 50-year-old think tank that is funded by governments to support the peace and development work of the UN.

I first learned of contributions from Epstein's foundations to the IPI in November 2019 through reporting by the Norwegian press. I was blindsided by this.

Subsequent searches by IPI staff, made at the request of the Board, have identified donations totalling \$650,000 that were received between October 2011 and May 2019. This represented approximately 0.9% of IPI's total revenue over those years. The source of these donations had not previously been disclosed to the Board, nor to me as Chair. IPI management has informed the Board that these donations were fully disclosed to the US authorities as required by the IRS.

These revelations were deeply disturbing to me and to other members of the Board. IPI's work includes combating human trafficking and sexual violence. IPI was not alone in receiving donations from Epstein foundations; dozens of other US nonprofit organisations and teaching institutions have collectively received more than \$30 million of donations from his foundations.

Upon learning of the existence of these donations, I convened a meeting of the Board on 4 December 2019, which took two decisions at my initiative. First, the IPI decided to donate an equivalent sum to suitable programs to support victims of human trafficking and sexual assault. This hardline approach contrasts with a number of other institutions that decided to keep some or all of their donations. IPI management is in the process of implementing this Board decision. Second, the IPI adopted a new Gift Acceptance Policy to prevent any future donations unless the donors satisfy a test of good character.

On 14 October, again through the Norwegian press, the Board learned that there was a personal loan agreement between Epstein and Terje Rod-Larsen that existed in 2013. Neither the loan, nor its repayment, had been previously disclosed to the Board or to me as Chair. Mr Rod-Larsen has apologised to the Board for what he has described as his grave error of judgment. I am deeply disappointed that the Board has had to learn about so much of this through the media.

As a consequence of this latest development, I took action last week to convene an extraordinary Board meeting and requested that Mr Rod-Larsen provide a report to the Board on all these matters. I will be recommending to the Board that an immediate and comprehensive probity review be conducted into the matters raised. I will also recommend an independent accounting review by a Big Four global firm into any financial transactions between Epstein and the IPI.

Any significant engagement with someone as odious as Epstein must be taken seriously and investigated thoroughly. I have no recollection whatsoever of ever meeting Epstein.

I have checked records around a function I attended in New York in late September 2013, when I was still a Member of Parliament, held in honour of the then President of Mongolia. It was a large function at the time of the UN General Assembly attended by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, visiting foreign ministers and prominent New Yorkers. The guest list also included: former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak; New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg; Kazakh Foreign Minister Erlan Idrissov; Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Al-Thani; former Norwegian Prime

Minister Thorbjorn Jagland; US Secretary of State John Kerry; former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger; former UK Foreign Secretary David Miliband; IPI President Terje Rod-Larsen; businesswoman Ariane Rothschild; former US Treasury Secretary Larry Summers; German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle; Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif; and IPI Board Member Mort Zuckerman. IPI records indicate that Epstein was also invited to attend that same function, although I don't believe we ever met. This is just the guest list, and it cannot be confirmed for certain who was actually there.

At that event, which was well before I joined the IPI Board, the Mongolian President asked me to assist on an international advisory board to help guide his democratic government's program of economic and political development. I was advised that this advisory board was to be facilitated by the IPI. This advisory board had an initial conference call in January 2014. I participated in it and provided advice to the Mongolian President on the future of his country's mining industry. There were no further meetings of which I am aware. IPI staff have advised me subsequently that Epstein was apparently among the 10 participants of the teleconference. Two years later, I was offered remuneration for my participation in this advisory board but I declined because my involvement, apart from the initial teleconference, was negligible. Other participants may have received remuneration for their participation in the advisory board, although I have been advised by IPI staff that Epstein did not. I was subsequently advised that the funding source for the advisory board was the government of Mongolia.

The Board takes these matters exceptionally seriously as demonstrated by the measures above. The Board will make a further statement on these matters once it has met on these matters.

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