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Volker Perthes is United Nations Under-Secretary-General, former Special Representative for Sudan and Head of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS), currently heading the Independent Strategic Review of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI).

With over 25 years of experience in academia, research, international relations, and diplomacy, Mr. Perthes brings a wealth of expertise in conflict resolution and regional geopolitics to this role. Notably, he served as Chief Executive Officer and Director of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) from 2005 to September 2020 and currently holds the position of Senior Adviser there. Additionally, from 2015 to 2018, he was Assistant Secretary General and Senior Adviser to the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria, where he chaired the International Syria Support Group's Ceasefire Taskforce for Syria on behalf of the United Nations.

Mr. Perthes' academic background includes research and departmental leadership roles at SWP from 1992 to 2005 and an Adjunct Professorship in International Relations at Humboldt University of Berlin from 2007 to 2019. He started his academic career as an Assistant Professor at the American University of Beirut from 1991 to 1993.

In his previous position, Mr. Perthes played a pivotal role in supporting Sudan's transition, drawing on his extensive diplomatic and conflict resolution experience, aligning with the United Nations' commitment to global peace and stability.

He has a master's degree and a Doctorate in Political Science from the University of Duisburg in Germany. He is proficient in both English and Arabic.