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Richard J. Goldstone is presently a Hauser Global Visiting Professor at New York University School of Law and in the spring will be a visiting professor at Harvard Law School. He is the co-chairperson of the Human Rights Institute of the International Bar Association and a member of the committee, chaired by Paul A. Volcker, appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to investigate the Iraqi Oil for Food Program.

In 1962, he graduated from Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg with a BA. LLB, cum laude. He then practiced as an Advocate at the Johannesburg Bar until, in 1980, he was made a Judge of the Transvaal Supreme Court. In 1989 he was appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal. From July 1994 to October 2003 he was a Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa. From August 1994 to September 1996 he served as the Chief Prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. From August 1999 until December 2001 he was the chairperson of the International Independent Inquiry on Kosovo established by Swedish Prime Minister Goran Persson. From 1999 to 2003 he served as a member of the International Group of Advisers of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Justice Goldstone is an Honorary Bencher of the Inner Temple, London, an Honorary Fellow of St. Johns College, Cambridge, and an Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He chairs the Advisory Board of the Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation and serves on the boards of Human Rights Watch, Physicians for Human Rights, the International Center for Transitional Justice and the Center for Economic and Social Rights.

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