

# Sir Mark Lyall Grant

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Sir Mark Lyall Grant took up the role of Prime Minister's National Security Adviser on 7 September 2015.

Sir Mark Lyall Grant is a career diplomat, and has served on 4 continents. Prior to his appointment as National Security Adviser, he was:

- the UK Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations (2009 to 2015)
- Director General Political in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), where he was the Principal Adviser to the Foreign Secretary on strategic foreign policy issues (2007 to 2009)
- the UK High Commissioner to Pakistan (2003 to 2006)

In his earlier postings he served in Paris and Pretoria; as Private Secretary to the Minister for Europe in the FCO; and worked on EU and Africa policy.

Sir Mark Lyall Grant is a qualified barrister and was appointed to the Bench of Middle Temple in 2011.