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Anne C. Richard is a former diplomat and NGO leader. Notably, she served as Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration in the Obama Administration (2012-2017). Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Ms. Richard was the vice president of government relations and advocacy for the International Rescue Committee (IRC). Earlier in her career, she served in other senior positions at the State Department, at Peace Corps Headquarters and at the US Office of Management and Budget. As an International Affairs Fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations (1993-94), she was part of the team that created the International Crisis Group. She also was a fellow of the Robert Bosch Foundation in Germany and a Presidential Management Intern.

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