

**Thomas Pickering**

Thomas Pickering served as Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs and as U.S. Ambassador to the Russian Federation, India, Israel, El Salvador, Nigeria, and Jordan. He also was the U.S. Ambassador and Representative to the United Nations in New York. After retiring from the State Department in 2000, Pickering joined The Boeing Company as senior vice president of international relations and member of the Executive Council. Previously, he was also vice chair of Hills and Company. He holds degrees from Bowdoin College, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and the University of Melbourne and speaks French, Spanish, and Swahili fluently in addition to Arabic, Hebrew and Russian.