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Mr. Glyn Ford MEP: Brief CV



Mr Glyn Ford has been a Labour Member of the European Parliament since 1984. He is a member of the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy Committee.

Glyn was head of the European Parliament's Election Observation Mission to Cambodia (Aug 2003). He was also a member of the European Parliament's Election Observation Mission to Kenya (Dec 2002), and observed the first multi-party South African elections in 1994 on behalf of the then Association of Western European Parliamentarians Against Apartheid. In 1999, he acted as an adviser on behalf of the UN to the Indonesian parliament on its 'Rules of Procedure'.

Asia is one of Glyn's main interests. Since being elected to the European Parliament, he has been an active member of the Parliament's Delegation for Relations with Japan, serving as Vice-Chairman for five years. Glyn has extensive experience of North Korea. He has visited the country on eight occasions, three of them as a member of a European Parliamentary Delegation. He has also participated in three Asia-Europe Parliamentary (ASEP) meetings. Glyn is a member of the Socialist International Asia Pacific Committee, and is the only European Parliamentary member of the Federation of Democratic Leaders of Asia Pacific (founded by Corazon Aquino and Kim Dae-jung).

Between 1984 and 1986, Glyn chaired the Parliament's Committee of Inquiry into the Rise of Racism and Fascism. He was also a representative on the committee into racism and xenophobia, set up in 1994 by Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand. He was also the European Parliament's rapporteur for the report on the establishment of a European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia.

Before entering the European Parliament, Glyn worked as a senior research fellow in the Department of Science at the University of Manchester. In 1983, he also spent six months as a visiting professor at Tokyo University, teaching science and technology. He has a degree in geology from the University of Reading (1972) and a Masters Degree in Marine Earth Science from University College London (1974).

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