

CHANCELLOR OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
HELMUT KOHL



Helmut Kohl was born on 3 April 1930 in Ludwigshafen. He studied law, political science and history at the universities of Frankfurt and Heidelberg. He was a research fellow at the Alfred Weber Institute of the University of Heidelberg and received his doctorate in 1958.

Dr. Kohl joined the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) in 1947 and by 1955 he had become a member of the CDU Executive for the Land Rheinland-Pfalz. In 1959, Dr. Kohl was elected to the Land's State Assembly and between 1969 and 1976 he served as the Minister President (Premier) of the Land. He has been a member of the Bundestag (Federal Lower House) since 1976, the same year in which he

was the CDU candidate for Chancellor and became Chairman of the CDU/CSU Bundestag caucus.

Dr. Kohl and his wife Hannelore have two sons. He has met with Prime Minister Mulroney on several occasions during NATO and economic summits since 1984. His current visit is his first as Chancellor.