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The Honourable Dr. Obed Y. Asamoah

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ghana

Dr. Asamoah was born in Likpe Bala in the Volta region on February 6, 1936, and attended Achimota School in Accra and Woolwich Polytechnic in London. He obtained a law degree at Kings College (London) and a Master of Law degree at Columbia University (New York) in 1965. He practised law and taught at Legon University until 1969, when he was elected to Parliament. He later served as Chairman of Ghana Film Industries and Ghana Bauxite Co.

As soon as Rawlings' Provisional National Defence Council (PNDC) took power, Dr. Asamoah was appointed Secretary for Foreign Affairs in January 1982 and continued to serve in this capacity throughout the PNDC's eleven-year tenure. Following the inauguration of the Fourth Republic in January 1993, Dr. Asamoah was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs by President Rawlings. He is one of a number of ministers who are not members of parliament.

Dr. Asamoah is one of the longest-serving ministers in Rawlings' government.