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Mr. David F. Helvey is the Secretary of Defense Deputy Representative in Europe (D/SECDEFREPEUR) and the Deputy Defense Advisor (D/DEFAD) for the U.S. Mission to NATO. As D/SECDEFREPEUR, he is responsible for planning, recommending, coordinating, and monitoring DoD policies, programs and initiatives in Europe. As the USNATO D/DEFAD, he is responsible for the formulation, coordination, and presentation of Department of Defense policies to the US Ambassador to NATO.

The Office of the Defense Advisor is comprised of 40 mid and senior-level military and civilian members from the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Helvey assumed duties as Deputy Defense Advisor at the U.S. Mission in November 2021.

Prior to joining the U.S. Mission, Mr. Helvey served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs (IPSA) and performed the duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense/IPSA. He was responsible for developing and overseeing the execution of the United States' defense and security policy in the Indo-Pacific region.

Prior assignments in the Office of the Secretary of Defense include Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia from 2012 to 2015, with earlier assignments as Country Director for China; Director for China, Taiwan, and Mongolia; Senior Advisor for China Policy and Integration; and Principal Director for East Asia.

From 2015 to 2016, Mr. Helvey served as Visiting Distinguished Research Fellow in the Center for the Study of Chinese Military Affairs at the National Defense University's Institute for National Strategic Studies.

Mr. Helvey has been awarded the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive, the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Medal, the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, Office of the Secretary of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Medal, the Paul H. Nitze Award for Excellence in International Security Affairs, the Director of National Intelligence Award for Collaboration Leadership, and the DIA Director's Award for Meritorious Civilian Service.

Mr. Helvey graduated from American University with an MA in U.S. Foreign Policy and from West Virginia University with a BA in Political Science.