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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ANIL AMBANI INDUCTED ON INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD OF LEADING GLOBAL THINK TANK ATLANTIC COUNCIL**

#### **TO SERVE ALONGSIDE RUPERT MURDOCH, JOSE MARIA AZNAR, THOMAS ENDERS, KEVIN RUDD & OTHERS**

**Washington D.C. / Mumbai, March 28, 2017** : The Atlantic Council today announced the induction of Anil Ambani, one of India's best known business leaders, to its International Advisory Board – a prominent group of global corporate and political leaders

**Former Utah Governor and Chairman of the Atlantic Council, Jon M. Huntsman**, said "I am delighted to welcome my good friend and colleague Anil formally to join our team. The Atlantic Council's presence in South Asia and in particular India is growing at a rapid pace and Anil's presence on our board could not be more timely. We look forward to working with him to make a difference."

Other notable Members of the International Advisory Board include Dr. Zbigniew K. Brzezinski, *Former U.S. National Security Advisor*, Kevin Rudd, *Former Prime Minister of Australia*, H.E. José María Aznar, *Former Prime Minister of Spain*, P.M. Carl Bildt, *Former Prime Minister of Sweden*, Lord Robertson, *Former Secretary General of NATO and among business leaders*, Mr. Håkan Buskhe, *President and CEO, SAAB*, Dr. Thomas Enders, *CEO, Airbus Group*, Mr. Rupert Murdoch, *CEO, 21 Century Fox*, Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman, *CEO of the Blackstone Group*, and Ms. Marillyn A. Hewson, *Chairman, Lockheed Martin Corporation*.

**Anil D. Ambani, Chairman, Reliance Group** said, "I am delighted to accept Jon's invitation to join the Advisory Board of Atlantic Council, which is undoubtedly America's leading and most influential think tank on global strategic affairs. This is a clear recognition by the Council of India's growing geopolitical influence under Prime Minister Modi's visionary and transformational leadership."

The Atlantic Council is a foreign policy think tank headquartered in Washington, DC. Through the work of its ten programs and centers, the Atlantic Council promotes constructive US leadership and engagement in the world based on the central role of the Atlantic community, working with its allies and partners, to meet global challenges. The Atlantic Council aims to shape policy choices and strategies and provide an essential forum for navigating the dramatic economic and political changes that define the twenty-first century.

Among the ten regional and thematic centers, the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center manages sustainable and innovative programs that are focused on fostering development and cooperation in South Asia and its neighbourhood.

**Dr. Bharath Gopaldaswamy, Director of South Asia Center** said, “We are delighted to welcome Mr. Ambani to our team. We are eager to draw on his expertise as a business leader and service to the government of India, and he will be an invaluable addition to the Council as we look to deepen our programming on India, the subcontinent, and beyond.”

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