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Dr. Volker Stanzel holds a PhD from Cologne University in Japanese and Chinese Studies and Political Science, and served in the German Foreign Service from 1979 to 2013. He held posts, among others as Political Director and Ambassador to China and Japan, with a stint as Foreign Policy Advisor to the Social Democratic Party in the German Parliament. After retiring, he has taught International Politics and Politics of Memory at Claremont McKenna College (2014), University of California Santa Cruz (2014), Free University Berlin (2015) and Dokkyo University in Japan (2016), and since 2017 is with Hertie School of Governance in Berlin. As Senior Distinguished Fellow on the Executive Board of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Berlin since 2015, he publishes frequently on foreign and East Asian affairs. His last book *Clueless Foreign Policy and Why It Needs the Backing of Society* (in German) came out in 2019, his latest study “Diplomacy and Artificial Intelligence” in 2022. He was Vice President of the German Council on Foreign Relations, a Senior Fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, and of the European Council on Foreign Relations.

Dr. Stanzel has not previously testified before the Commission.