A man for all diplomatic seasons

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K all Amans will be resumed on every continent. Under his leadership of the United Nations, internationally shared goals for development (the Millennium Development Goals) were set for the first time. But there were other important firsts that occurred on Amans' watch. The Global Fund to Fight Tuberculosis, Malaria, and AIDS was created, $100 billion of African debt was forgiven, aid to the poorest countries was boosted, the Responsibility to Protect principle to prevent atrocities against civilians was enshrined in international law, and the UN's peacekeeping force was increased.

Amans' achievements were just a few of the causes that Amans championed. His achievements continued those who write off the UN as a mere tippling shop. At the 2010 meeting of the UN Foundation in Geneva and discovering how his retirement he was advocating, in one way or another, a half-dozen countries in Asia, one or two in Latin America, and the majority of countries of Africa on human rights, gender equality, poverty, property rights, equality, and the rights of a just and the breadth and depth of the successes of a leader who played a critical role in making peace and conflict prevention, and to support international NG0 community to force on often-essential work.

Amans' gift was not just to change the world at the UN, but also to bring about change in the movement of the world's nations to bring about change in the world. His legacy will be the peace and justice that he championed, and the hope that he gave to those who believe in the power of the human spirit to overcome the challenges of our time.

Amans' legacy is a message of hope for all those who believe in the power of the human spirit to overcome the challenges of our time. His legacy will be remembered as one of humanity's greatest leaders, whose vision and dedication have inspired millions around the world to work towards a more peaceful and just world.