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After her long political career Heidi continues to work as an independent expert on sustainability and corporate accountability. She also serves in the boards of Fair Trade of Advocacy Office, FERN and Business and Human Rights Resource Center. She is member of International advisory council of Institute for Human Rights and Business, member of Stakeholder Advisory Council of Amfori - Trade with Purpose and member of the advisory council of NOVA Centre for Business, Human Rights and the Environment.

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