



### **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010 - News Release – BRCC’s Honorary President, the Rt. Hon. Lord Lamont of Lerwick honoured by the President of Romania**

We are delighted to advise that our Honorary President, the Rt. Hon. Lord Lamont of Lerwick has been awarded the National Order of Faithful Service in the rank of Commander by the President of Romania on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

Lord Lamont, who has served as our Honorary President since 2002, has actively championed the efforts of the BRCC since its inception in 1998 and has been considered to be one of Romania’s greatest friends and advisers during its long journey to becoming a fully fledged developed economy and democracy.

Lord Lamont is one of our most trusted advisers and we are very proud and honoured to have the opportunity of celebrating this well deserved recognition with him.

Lord Lamont said:

“I am very grateful and proud to have been honoured in this way by the President of Romania. My involvement with Romania, right back to the early 90s has been a very rewarding and rich experience. It has been a period of astonishing and immense change and I enjoyed witnessing it and, in a small way, participating in it. I am also very grateful to the Chamber and my many friends in it who have been such supporters”.

#### **About the Rt. Hon. Lord Lamont of Lerwick**

Best known in his previous incarnation as the Rt. Hon Norman Lamont MP, the holder of one of the highest offices in the land, that of Chancellor of the Exchequer (Minister of Finance) from 1990 to 1993 in the John Major Government, Lord Lamont has hardly stopped to draw breath before plunging back into both politics and business and despite all this, still finding time to write.

Norman Lamont was Chancellor at a particularly difficult time with a recession and Britain’s exit from the ERM. However his policies have been praised as providing Gordon Brown with a “golden legacy”. Sir Alan Walters, advisor to Mrs Thatcher called him “not only the most effective but also the bravest Chancellor since the War”. Sir Malcolm Rifkind called him “a very good Chancellor.....with a passion for radical reform”.

He also talent spotted the young David Cameron and made him his political advisor in the Treasury. Norman Lamont entered Parliament in 1972; first saw office as a Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in 1979 under Margaret Thatcher, progressing to a cabinet position in 1989. Lord Lamont is a frequent speaker on the radio, television, and other venues on economics and financial issues.

He is a former Chairman of the Cambridge University Conservative Association and President of the Cambridge Union.

Lord Lamont started in business as an investment banker (with NM Rothschild & Sons) in 1968 and was one of the original Founder members of the Chamber. His directorships include RAB Capital, Balli Group and Jupiter Adria.

Publications include, in addition to numerous newspaper articles, Sovereign Britain published in 1995 and In Office published in 1999.

#### **About the BRCC**

The British Romanian Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organisation, established in 1998. A registered company limited by guarantee and owned by its membership with **the mission** to use its good offices and activities to increase British-Romanian business and investments, to foster a better understanding between the two nations and encourage bilateral trade and industry, tourism, financial investment and cultural relations.

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