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Julian Thomas Hottinger has worked as an expert and consultant on various projects covering conflicts in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Nicaragua, Northern Ireland, Rwanda and Sri Lanka, not to mention the Liberian Peace Process, known as the Abuja Accord of August 1996. Until September 2000, he was the Vice-President of the Second Committee on "Democracy and Good Governance" within the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement for Burundi, directed by H. E. Julius Kampere Nyerere [until October 1999], and by H. E. Nelson Mandela [until August 2000].

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In January 2002, Julian Thomas Hottinger took part, as an expert, in the negotiating of "The Nuba Mountains Cease-fire Agreement", which was signed in Bürgenstock [Switzerland] by the Government of the Republic of Sudan and the SPLA [Nuba]. From January 2003 till January 2005, he was a member of the "Resource Team" working on the Machakos Peace Protocol/Naivasha Peace Negotiations – between the Government of Khartoum and the SPLM/A – in Sudan, for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development [IGAD] Secretariat.

Until July 2005, Julian Thomas Hottinger was working with the Gerakan Aceh Medeka [GAM], on helping them to prepare their positions on "self-government/self-governance" for the negotiations taking place with the Government of Indonesia, in Helsinki, under the Facilitator President Maarti Ahtisaari. Up to mid-May 2006, he was attached to the African Union (AU) Facilitation Team in Abuja, working on the Inter-Sudanese Negotiations on the Darfur. Julian Thomas Hottinger was one of mediators within the Facilitation Team in Juba (since July 2006), working on the negotiations between the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army [LRA], and is currently working on Somali issues.