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Nationality: Swiss

Civil status: Married, two children



Present situation

Sept. 2006: Deputy Secretary-General, European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

1998-2006: Deputy Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization (WTO) for Switzerland, Head of the WTO Division within the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the WTO, Geneva.

Chargé d'affaires acting provisionally as Head of the Mission from June to December 2000 and from October to December 2004.

Education

1992: Doctorate in Economics (1992), Department of Economics, University of Lausanne (Switzerland).

1981-1984 : Licence ès sciences économiques, mention économie politique, Department of Economics, University of Lausanne (HEC).

Professional experience

2001-2004: Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation (AITIC).

1999-present: Chairman of the WTO Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft.

1999-present: Member of WTO dispute settlement panel (United States - Tax treatment for "Foreign Sales Corporations").

1998-2004: Lecturer at the Executive Master of European and International Business Law, University of Sankt Gallen (Switzerland).

1993-1998: Head of section, WTO Division, Federal Office for Foreign Economic Affairs, Bern. Defense of Switzerland's trade interests in WTO and OECD negotiations (including institutional aspects of WTO, trade and development, trade and environment, trade and labour standards).

1992-1996: Lecturer at the Department of Economics, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

1992-1993: Federal Office for Foreign Economic Affairs, Division of Economic Support to Central and Eastern European Countries. Designing and/or implementing instruments of economic cooperation, responsible for Switzerland's relations with multilateral entities (IFC, EBRD, UNIDO, ITC).

1991: Swiss Representative at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London. Preparing and evaluating investments projects, technical assistance and policy reform programmes for public and private sectors in transition countries.

1991: Chairman of the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) Antidumping Committee.

1989-1990: Member of GATT dispute settlement panel (United States - Imposition of anti-dumping duties on imports of seamless stainless steel hollow products from Sweden).

1987-1990: Federal Office for Foreign Economic Affairs, Division of GATT, Member of the Swiss delegation at the Uruguay Round negotiations.

1984-1987: Teaching Assistant at the Department of Economics, University of Lausanne
Main subjects: statistics and demography.

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