

***Roderick van Schreven***  
**Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations**



Roderick van Schreven was appointed Director-General for Foreign Economic Relations (Ministry of Economic Affairs) in March 2006. A career diplomat, Van Schreven previously served as the Netherlands Ambassador to Damascus (Syria) from 2002-2006 and was posted at the Netherlands Embassy in Caracas (Venezuela) and the Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels. He was also Deputy Director for European Integration at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the executive officer in charge of the logistical implementation of the agreement between the Netherlands and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Before joining the diplomatic corps Van Schreven set out on a career in the private sector. He worked for yachting company Exa Nautica in Geneva and was Marketing Director for La Chemise Lacoste in Geneva and Paris.

A Dutch national, Van Schreven was born in Ottawa and educated in Switzerland and France. He earned an MBA at INSEAD and holds a degree in Economics from the University of Geneva. Mr. Van Schreven is fluent in English and French.

Roderick van Schreven is an avid sailor. In 1977-78 he competed in the Whitbread Round the World Race. Van Schreven is married with three children.

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