



Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Biographical background information on Mr Rodin

Arne Rodin

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Arne Rodin is head of the Department for International Trade at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Prior to his current appointment he was deputy head of the same Department between 1992 and 1996. Mr Rodin's field of responsibility encompasses multilateral trade issues in the broad sense, the WTO, OECD, UNCTAD, ITC, commodity policy etc, and the work of the 133 Committee in Brussels. In 1997 he was elected Chairman of the OECD Trade Committee and was earlier this year reelected for another year term in that function.

Mr Rodin has a long experience in trade policy matters and trade negotiations. Starting his career at the Swedish Board of Customs, he moved on to work in the Swedish Federation of Importers and the Ministry of Finance, assisting in negotiations relating to a Nordic Customs Union. Between 1970 and 1983, Mr Rodin served two terms in the National Board of Trade, charged with trade policy analysis on GATT and OECD matters in various functions. During the Tokyo Round, he also worked for several years in a UNDP project for technical co-operation with developing countries. Joining the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1983, Mr Rodin was closely involved in the Uruguay Round negotiations, between 1987-92 as counsellor at the Swedish Delegation in Geneva, as negotiator for Sweden and the Nordic countries notably on market access issues.