

Biographic note

Dr. Lars-Erik Lundin

Is the Deputy Political Director of the European Commission (2006) and heads the Security Policy Unit of DG RELEX since September 2000. He headed before that during the years 1996-2000 the European Commission delegation to Vienna as an Ambassador with accreditation to IAEA, UNIDO and other UN organisations there. In parallel he was the Commission representative to the OSCE. April 2005-February 2006 he was acting Director CFSP in DG RELEX and Acting Deputy Political Director for the Commission.

He was appointed Ambassador in the Swedish Foreign Service in 1996. His last assignment as an Assistant Under Secretary in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs was as Swedish Representative to the Minsk Group (Nagorno Karabach). He was Head of Division for CSCE and Council of Europe Affairs during the Swedish Chairmanship of CSCE. He began his diplomatic career in Angola and Finland and was stationed Bonn in Germany from 1986-1989. He was posted three times to the Political department of the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs dealing mainly with security policy and disarmament issues. He worked as a member of the Swedish delegation to the Stockholm Conference on Confidence and Security Building Measures and Disarmament from 1984-1986.

Dr. Lundin is born in 1948. He made his first studies in Göteborg, Sweden earning a Ph.D. in 1980 on a dissertation dealing with Soviet arms export policies to Vietnam and Egypt. He made his military service in the Army language school studying Russian. He worked as Research Secretary at the Swedish Institute for International Affairs in Stockholm from 1972-1976. He has published several books and articles in Swedish. In English he has written studies *inter alia* on verification of arms control agreements and on EU added value to security (2003). He led a panel concerning possible security motives behind foreign submarine incursions into Swedish territorial waters 1996 (the secret report was later released to the public). He is a frequent public speaker and has participated in numerous panels on security policy in international conferences.

Dr. Lundin is an elected member of the Swedish Royal Academy of War Sciences. He holds decorations from Finland and Germany.

He and his wife Inger Bäcklund (for professional reasons residing in Stockholm) have one son and two daughters.