

Curriculum Vitae of Mr Peter Semneby



Ambassador Peter Semneby was born 1959.

Ambassador Semneby has been the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus between February 2006 and February 2011.

He has also been the Head of the OSCE Mission to Croatia between 2002 and 2005. In this position Ambassador Semneby and his staff assisted Croatia with post-conflict rehabilitation and the handling of the most important political requirements for EU membership: refugee return, minority rights, judicial reform, war crimes trials, police reform, media legislation, electoral legislation and civil society development.

As Head of the OSCE Mission to Latvia from 2000 to 2002 he played a key role in developing policies, legislation and institutions on a range of sensitive issues related to the Russianspeaking minority, in particular citizenship issues and language legislation.

He was responsible for European Security and Defence Policy in the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs from 1997 to 2000.

Before this he served in the Swedish embassies in Germany, Ukraine and the USSR.

Ambassador Semneby has had the opportunity to work and travel in the South Caucasus region on many occasions throughout his career. He participated in the relief effort immediately following the earthquake in Armenia in 1988 and was a member of the OSCE Mission to Georgia when it was first established in 1992.

Ambassador Semneby was educated at the Stockholm School of Economics, University of Uppsala, University of Stockholm, and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

In addition to his native Swedish, Ambassador Semneby speaks English, French, German, Russian and Croatian/Serbian.