

Enrique V. Iglesias

Ibero-American Secretary General

Since May 28th 2005 Mr. Iglesias has been elected as the first Ibero-American Secretary General, based in Madrid, Spain. The Ibero-American Secretary General reports to the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the 22 Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries of Europe and Latin America..

Between 1988 and 2005 he was President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), the oldest and largest regional development Bank.

Iglesias was the third president of the IDB after Felipe Herrera (Chile, 1960-1971) and Antonio Ortiz Mena (Mexico, 1971-1988).

Prior to his election as president of the IDB, Iglesias was Uruguay's Minister of Foreign Relations, (1985-1988); Executive Secretary of the U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), (1972-1985); Secretary General of the U.N. Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, held in Kenya in 1981; and chairman of the conference that launched the Uruguay Round of international trade negotiations in Punta del Este, Uruguay, in 1986. These negotiations led to the creation of the World Trade Organization, the successor to the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade. Iglesias served as President of Uruguay's Central Bank from 1966 to 1968.

Iglesias has taught economic development at Uruguay's Universidad de la República and served as director of its Institute of Economics. He has written numerous articles, papers and books on Latin American and Uruguayan economic issues, capital markets, external financing and multilateralism.

Iglesias has received ten honorary academic degrees from american and european universities, official decorations and professional awards, among them the Príncipe de Asturias award.

In 2003, the U.N. Secretary General nominated Mr. Iglesias as a Member of the High Level Group which produced the report "A safer world: the responsibility we share" dealing with the challenges to world peace and security and with U.N. reform. Mr. Iglesias is, as well, a member of Mr. Annan's High Level Group for the Alliance among Civilizations.

Born in Asturias, Spain, Iglesias is a naturalized Uruguayan citizen. He graduated from the Uruguay's Universidad de la República in Economics and Business Administration in 1953 and pursued specialized programs of study in the United States and France.