



Brief C.V. of Ambassador Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the UN

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Ambassador **Thomas Mayr-Harting** took up his post as **Head of the EU Delegation to the UN** in New York on 16 October 2011.

He previously served from December 2008 as the **Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations** in New York. From 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2010 he represented Austria on the UN Security Council. He was **President of the Security Council** for the month of November 2009. In his former capacity as the Austrian Ambassador to the UN, he also served as Vice-President of the 66th General Assembly.

Between 2003 and 2008, Mr. Mayr-Harting served as **Political Director (Director General for Political Affairs) of the Foreign Ministry of Austria**. From 1999 to 2003 he was the **Austrian Ambassador to Belgium** and **Head of the Austrian Mission to NATO**. Before his departure for New

York, Mr. Mayr-Harting also chaired the supervisory board of the **Austrian Development Agency**.

Mr. Mayr-Harting joined the Austrian diplomatic service in 1979. In the course of his career he served, inter alia, with the **Austrian Mission to the European Communities in Brussels** (1982-1986), the **Austrian Embassy in Moscow** (1986-1990), the **Private Office of the Austrian Foreign Minister** (1991-1995) and as **Deputy Political Director and Director for Security Policy and Policy Planning** (1995-1999). From 2002 to 2004, Mr. Mayr-Harting also acted as **Special Representative of the Austrian Foreign Minister for the Western Balkans**.

Mr. Mayr-Harting received his **law degree at the University of Vienna** in 1977. From 1977 to 1978, he studied **European law at the College of Europe in Bruges**, Belgium. In 1978, Mr. Mayr-Harting was also awarded the **Diploma of The Hague Academy of International Law**.

Mr. Mayr-Harting was born in 1954, is married and has three children.

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