

Nabeela Al-Mulla

Nabeela Al-Mulla is the Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Ambassador-designate to the European Union and to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

She took her B.A. in political science and her M.A. in international relations, with honours, from the American University of Beirut.

She returned to her native Kuwait to enter the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Between 1977 and 1994 she served in the Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations in New York.

She was named Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Kuwait to the Republic of Zimbabwe (1994-95) and South Africa (1996-1999), as well as the states of Namibia, Mauritius and Botswana on a non-residency basis. She became Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Austria in 2000, with responsibility for the Republics of Hungary, Slovenia, and the Slovak Republic on a non-residency basis.

In 2003 she returned to the UN as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait to be the first Arab woman Ambassador to the UN. She also represented her country in Mexico, Cuba and the Bahamas. Nabeela Al-Mulla was the first woman from the Middle East and South Asia region to chair the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (2002-03). She has represented her government at OPEC Extraordinary Ministerial meetings (2002-03). She has also served as Kuwait's representative to the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO).

In 2004, Ambassador Al-Mulla was presented with the Austrian Grand Golden Decoration of Honour for First Class Merit "Grosses Goldenes Ehrenzeichen am Bande für Verdienste um die Republik Österreich").

In 2005, she was nominated by "the Association 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize" to be part of 1000 Peace Women Across the Globe. Her nomination was in recognition of her work within the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) during the Korean and Iranian crises.

Ambassador Nabeela Al-Mulla served as Chairwoman for the IAEA Board of Governors from 2002-2003.

From 1977- 1994 she served as a member of the Permanent Mission of Kuwait to the United Nations in New York where she held several posts, the last being Deputy Permanent Representative.

From 1994-1999 she was appointed Ambassador to the Republics of Botswana, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

She took up her current assignment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Austria, and to the Republic of Hungary, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Slovenia on non-residency basis and Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations organizations in Vienna in January 2000. She is the Permanent Representative Designate of Kuwait to the United Nations in New York.