

PRESS RELEASE

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The Council of the European Union has been informed of the Italian Government's appointment of His Excellency Mr Umberto VATTANI<sup>1</sup> as Permanent Representative to the European Union. He replaces His Excellency Mr Roberto NIGIDO, who has taken up another post.

Mr VATTANI took up his duties on 24 September 2001.

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<sup>1</sup> *Curriculum vitae* attached.

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Ambassador Umberto VATTANI**

- Born in Skopije, Yugoslavia, on December 5, 1938.
- He completed his studies in France, United Kingdom and the U.S.. He graduated at the University of Rome, Italy, with a degree in Law (1960) and a degree in Political Science (1962).
- In 1961 he entered the Bank of Italy, Research Department.
- He entered the Italian Foreign Service in 1962. His first assignments abroad were to the Permanent Mission to the U.N. in New York (1963-66), the Permanent Mission to the O.E.C.D. in Paris (1966-69) and the Embassy in London (1969-74).
- From 1975 to 1978 he was Deputy Head of Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- In 1978 he was named Head of Cabinet of the Minister of Scientific and Technological Research, and from 1980 to 1981, Principal Private Secretary of Foreign Minister Arnaldo Forlani.
- In 1982 he was posted to the Italian Embassy in London as Deputy Head of Mission.
- Back in Rome in 1987, he was named Head of the Office of the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- From 1988 to 1992 he became Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister and Personal Representative (Sherpa) to the G-7 Summits.
- Promoted to the rank of Ambassador in April 1989.
- In July 1992 he was appointed Ambassador of Italy in Germany,
- September 1996, he was called to the post of Head of Cabinet of the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- He is Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since September 1997.
- In September 2001 he was appointed Permanent Representative of Italy to the European Union.
- Professor of History of the European Integration at the Libera Università degli Studi Sociali – LUISS of Rome since 1999
- Honorary member of the Academic Senate of the Freie Universitaet Berlin, 1998.