

Ambassador Ahmed Amin Fathalla

Biography

A national of Egypt, Mr. Fathalla, from 2008 to present is a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, has been elected as Vice-Chairman of the Committee in March 2017 for a two years term and elected in 2019 as Chairperson of the Committee for two years term. From 2012-2016, he was the permanent observer of the Office for the League of Arab States to the United Nations, in New York. Before this latest appointment Mr. Fathalla was the First Undersecretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cairo. Before that, he held the rank of Assistant Foreign Minister responsible for European Affairs from 2010-2011, and for Asian Affairs from 2009-2010.

During the period 2005 to 2009, he served as Egypt's Ambassador to the Netherlands and Representative to the Permanent Court of Arbitration. From 2004 to 2005, he was Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs responsible for multilateral relations.

Mr. Fathalla's term as Ambassador to Turkey from 2003 to 2004 was preceded by serving as the Deputy Assistant to the Foreign Minister in charge of International Legal Affairs and Treaties, from 2001 to 2003, prior to which he was Ambassador to Morocco between 1997 and 2001.

He was Deputy Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs responsible for International Legal Matters from 1996 to 1997, and Legal Affairs Adviser to the United Nations Secretariat of the Basel Convention between 1990 and 1996.

Mr. Fathalla's diplomatic and foreign affairs career saw him serve as a Counsellor in Egypt's Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other specialized agencies in Switzerland (1987-1989); as well as a member of the Egyptian delegation to the Egypt-Israeli Arbitration Tribunal; First Secretary at the Embassy in New Delhi, India (1985-1987), and the representative of Egypt to the African Legal Consultative Committee (1985-1987), he was also in charge of legal matters; First Secretary at the Foreign Ministry in Cairo in charge of Legal Matters relating to International Organizations and Specialized Agencies (1984-1985); and Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission in New York (1979-1983). He worked in the office of the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs from 1978 to 1979, and was Third Secretary in the Foreign Ministry's Legal Department from 1977 to 1978, having first joined the Ministry in 1976. From 1975 to 1976, he was Assistant District Attorney General (Ministry of Justice).

Mr. Fathalla obtained a bachelor's degree in law from Cairo University in 1974, and a diploma in international relations from the *Institut International d'Administration Public* in France, in 1978.

Languages: Arabic-English-French

He was born on 25 November 1952 in Cairo.

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- Ahmed Amin Fathalla.
- Nationality: Egyptian.
- Date of Birth: 25/11/1952.
- Languages: Arabic, French and English.

Education:

- Bachelor's degree in Law- Cairo University 1974.
- Diploma in International Relations from the *Institut d'Administration Publique* – France 1978.

Current Position:

- Chairperson of the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

Extracurricular activities:

- Visiting Lecturer at San Thomas University, School of Law- Florida, United States.

Work Experience:

- 1975-1976: Assistant District Attorney General for Central Cairo Public prosecution office.
- 1976-1977: Joined the Ministry of Foreign affairs and completed his studies at the Institute for Diplomatic Studies.
- August 1977- July 1978: Joined the *Institut d'Administration Publique* in Paris, France.
- August 1978-January 1979: Third Secretary in the Legal Affairs department at the Ministry of foreign affairs, in charge of the Legal matters of the International Organizations.

- January 1979-August 1979: Worked in the office of the Minister of State's affairs, in charge of the Legal matters of the International Organizations.
- August 1979 – December 1983: Second Secretary at the Egyptian Permanent mission to the UN in New York represented Egypt in the 6th committee (legal questions).
- 1984 -1985: First Secretary in the Legal Affairs department at the Ministry of foreign affairs, in charge of the Legal matters of the International Organizations and Specialized agencies.
- 1985-1987: First Secretary in the Embassy in New Delhi, and Egypt's representative to the Afro-Asian Legal Consultative Committee.
- 1987-1989:
 - o Counsellor at the Egyptian Permanent mission to the UN in Geneva and the head of the legal and human rights division.
 - o Member of the Egyptian delegation to Egypt- Israel Arbitration Tribunal (Taba).
- 1990-1996: Legal Affairs advisor to the UN secretariat of the *Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal* – Geneva, Switzerland.
- 1996-1997: Deputy Assistant Minister of foreign affairs for International legal affairs.
- 1997-2001: Egypt's Ambassador to Morocco.

- **2001-2003: Deputy Assistant Minister of foreign affairs for International legal affairs and International treaties.**
- **2003-2004: Egypt's Ambassador to Turkey.**
- **2004-2005: Assistant Minister of foreign affairs for multilateral affairs and international organizations.**
- **2005-2009:**
 - o **Egypt's Ambassador to the Netherlands.**
 - o **Egypt's representative to the Permanent Court of Arbitration.**
 - o **Egypt's Executive director for the Common Fund For Commodities.**
- **2009-2010: Assistant Minister of foreign affairs for Asian Affairs.**
- **2010-2011: Assistant Minister of foreign affairs for European Affairs.**
- **2011-2012: First Undersecretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.**
- **2012-2016: Permanent Observer of the office of the Arab League to the UN in New York.**
- **2019-2020: Chairperson of the United Nations Human Rights Committee.**