

Biographical note
Ambassador Andreas D. Mavroyiannis

Ambassador Mavroyiannis is the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations, a position he has held since July 2019. He had also previously served in this position from 2003 to 2008. At the same time, he retains his functions as the Chief Negotiator in the Cyprus peace process, a position he has held since September 2013. Ambassador Mavroyiannis is concurrently Adjunct Professor of Public International Law at Frederick University in Cyprus.

Since assuming his current assignment, Ambassador Mavroyiannis has served as Chairman of the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) of the General Assembly at its 74th session and as the Vice Chair of the Committee for the election of the new Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. He was also elected, upon assumption of his duties, and continues to serve as Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

During his first tenure as Permanent Representative to the UN, between 2003 and 2008, Ambassador Mavroyiannis was one of the Vice-Presidents of the 62nd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations (2007-2008), a PGA-appointed facilitator on Security Council reform, and the Chairman of an overarching process on the reform of the Security Council. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country for the duration of his tenure and presided over numerous UN Conferences and meetings (including the Charter Committee, the 14th Meeting of States Parties of CEDAW, and the 15th Meeting of States Parties to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea). He represented Cyprus in the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court and he served as the first facilitator on the Independent Oversight Mechanism. He was Cyprus' candidate for the post of President of the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly (2016-17).

Ambassador Mavroyiannis has long practical and academic experience in legal affairs, starting with an undergraduate Diploma in Law from the University of Thessaloniki in Greece (1980) and a Masters degree (D.E.A.) in International Law from the Université de Droit et de Sciences Economiques-Paris II (1982). In 1984, Ambassador Mavroyiannis was awarded the Diploma of The Hague Academy of International Law. In 1985, he participated at the research Center of the Hague Academy of International Law on the theme "International protection of the environment against transboundary pollution". He was a member of the Committee of Legal Advisors of the Council of Europe between 1988 and 1992 and represented Cyprus at the UN Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Jamaica, 1989).

As Adjunct Professor of Public International Law at Frederick University in Cyprus since 2018, Ambassador Mavroyiannis has contributed numerous articles to scholarly journals and Reviews as well as in newspapers in the fields of Law, Philosophy, Political Science and EU matters. He is a member of the European Group of Public Law and of the Board of Trustees of the European Law and Governance School.

In his long career as a diplomat, Ambassador Mavroyiannis has held a number of crucial posts since joining the Foreign Service in 1987.

Between October 2011 and January 2013, he was Deputy Minister to the President of Cyprus, for European Affairs. His portfolio included the overall responsibility for preparing and running the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the second semester of 2012, representing the Cyprus Government to EU Institutions, presiding over formations of the Council of the European Union, as well as representing the Presidency and the Council before the European Parliament.

Ambassador Mavroyiannis' Ministerial appointment to coordinate the first Cyprus Presidency of the European Union followed his tenure as Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the European Union, between 2008 and 2011.

Between 1 March 2013 and 31 August 2013, he served as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus, the position with the highest rank in the Foreign Service below the Foreign Minister, with competence over all external relations issues.

In September 2013, Ambassador Mavroyiannis was appointed by the President of Cyprus as his Chief Negotiator in the Cyprus peace process, which is conducted in the framework of the United Nations Secretary-General's good offices mission in Cyprus. This role entailed the conduct of negotiations on a number of issues, particularly constitutional affairs and governance issues, devising a special property regime to provide redress to persons displaced as a result of armed conflict, and numerous other complex issues of both a legal and political nature. The task to give content to the settlement of the Cyprus problem was the culmination of a long involvement with and experience on this issue, most notably as a member of the Greek-Cypriot negotiating team in the Cyprus peace process between 2003 and 2008.

Ambassador Mavroyiannis served twice as Chef de Cabinet to the Foreign Minister of Cyprus, between 1995 and 1997 and between 2002 and 2003. He was Ambassador to France between 1999 and 2002, and Ambassador to Ireland between 1997 and 1999. He served also as non-Resident Ambassador to the Principality of Andorra, Tunisia, Morocco, and Brazil and as High Commissioner to Saint Lucia, Grenada, and Antigua and Barbuda.

Ambassador Mavroyiannis also holds a Masters degree (D.E.A.) in Political Science from the Université de Droit et de Sciences Economiques-Paris II (1984) and a PhD in Political Sociology from the Université de Paris X-Nanterre (1985).

In 2015, he was awarded the National Order of the Legion of Honour (*Légion d'honneur*) of the French Republic (rank of Officer). He was made Grand Officer of the Order of Diplomatic merit of the Republic of Romania in 2013.

Born in Cyprus in 1956, Ambassador Mavroyiannis was married to the late Calliopi Efthyvoulou with whom he has a son, Diomides, and a daughter, Athena.

He is fluent in Greek, French and English and has basic knowledge of German.