

EVGENY ZAGAYNOV

Born in 1967 in the Moscow Region, USSR

Career resume

Mr. Evgeny T. Zagaynov is a career diplomat and one of the leading legal professionals in the Russian Federation with more than 30 years of progressively responsible experience in international law and international relations. He benefits from a combination of practical and academic experience in international law. He currently serves as a Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (in a position of the Director of the Legal Department of the Ministry). Within delegated authority, he advises the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, supervises the development and implementation of the Russian official position on the matters of international law, identifies legal challenges and takes strategic decisions on policy and actions in the legal field. Mr. Evgeny T. Zagaynov has been serving as a Member of the International Law Commission since 2018 and is actively involved in deliberations on many of its current topics.

Education

- 1984-1989** Moscow Institute of International Relations;
Graduated with a degree in International Law
- 1989** Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR;
Course in International Law and International Relations

Professional experience

- 2018-present** Director of the Legal Department,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
- Head of the Russian delegation at the Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

- Head of the Russian delegation at the 33d International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (Geneva, 2019)

- Deputy Head of the Russian delegation at the International Conference “The 150th Anniversary of the St. Petersburg Declaration Renouncing the Use, in Time of War, of Explosive Projectiles: New Context, Undiminished Relevance” (2018)

- Representative of the Russian Federation in the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly

- Representative of the Russian Federation in the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law of the Council of Europe, CAHDI

- Representative of the Russian Federation at the Meetings of the Council of the Heads of the Legal Services of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States

2018-present

Member, International Law Commission

2013-2018

Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, New York

- Alternate Representative of the Russian Federation in the United Nations Security Council, the United Nations General Assembly (with particular focus on the work of the Sixth and Third Committees), the United Nations Economic and Social Council

- Participated in negotiations on many international instruments, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015); the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants (2016); the Outcome Document of the 2016 United Nations General Assembly Special Session on the World Drug Problem; numerous resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly

- Senior Representative of the Russian Federation in the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee

- Alternate Representative of the Russian Federation in the Advisory Board of the United Nations Center for Counter-Terrorism (UNCCT)

- Head of the Russian delegation at the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th Meetings of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

- Representative of the Russian Federation at four sessions of the Preparatory Committee established by the General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (2015-2017)

- Deputy Head of the Russian delegation at the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem (2016)

- Head of the Russian delegation at the 18th and 19th Meetings of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; the 34th and 35th Meetings of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; the 8th session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the 25th and 26th Meetings of the States Parties of the International Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination; the 15th and 16th Meetings of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child

- Head of the Russian delegation at the 13th session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (2014)

- Head of the Russian delegation at the Sixth Ministerial Plenary Meeting of the Global Counter-Terrorism Forum (GCTF) (2015)

- Representative of the Russian Federation at the Leaders' Summit on Countering ISIL and Violent Extremism (2015)

- Head of the Russian delegation at the sessions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

2009-2013

Deputy Chief of Staff,
Office of the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation

- Supervised legal analysis of draft acts and decisions of the Government of the Russian Federation and international legal instruments. Facilitated international contacts, including work of bilateral commissions on economic cooperation with Japan, Singapore, United Kingdom and Vietnam. Participated in negotiations with the Organization on Economic Development and Cooperation; preparation of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Vladivostok (2012)

- Executive Secretary of the Government Commission on Economic Development and Integration

2006-2009

Deputy Director of the Legal Department,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

- Agent of the Russian Federation before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in the “Hoshinmaru” Case (Japan v. Russian Federation) and the “Tomimaru” Case (Japan v. Russian Federation) (2007)

- Head of the Russian delegation at the 14th session of International Seabed Authority (ISA). Participated in the negotiations on the Regulations on prospecting and exploration for polymetallic sulphides in the Area (adopted in 2010)

- Head of the Russian delegation at the 17th and 18th Meetings of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

- Head of the Russian delegation at the 50th and 51st sessions of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) and the 46th, 47th and 48th sessions of the Legal Subcommittee of the COPUOS

- Deputy Head of the Russian delegation at the negotiations with Norway (2007-2009) on the Treaty concerning Maritime Delimitation and Cooperation in the Barents Sea and the Arctic Ocean (signed in 2010) and the Agreement between the Russian Federation and the Kingdom of Norway on the Maritime Delimitation in the Varanger Fjord Area (signed in 2007)
- Head of the Russian delegation at the negotiations with Poland (2008-2009) on the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Poland on navigation in the Kaliningrad (Vistula) Lagoon (signed in 2009)
- Member of the Russian delegations to different fora of the Arctic States

2003-2006

Counsellor, Senior Counsellor, Legal Adviser,
Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations
and other international organizations, Geneva

- Supervised the work on the issues concerning cooperation with the International Labour Organization (ILO), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), International Law Commission (ILC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- Participated in negotiations on establishment of the UN Human Rights Council (resolution of the General Assembly 60/251 “Human Rights Council” (2006))

2000-2003

First Secretary,
Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian
Federation, Moscow

- Member of the Russian delegation to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, 2002)
- Rapporteur of the IV Meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection, XXIV Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (Saint Petersburg, 2001)

– Member of the Russian delegations to multilateral and bilateral meetings on fisheries, including with the United States, Norway and Iceland

1989-2000

Attaché, Third, Second Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation/USSR

Diplomat in the Russian Embassies in Havana (Cuba), and Sofia (Bulgaria)

Diplomat in the Latin America Department

Participated in drafting of a number of important multilateral treaties and instruments:

- Convention on the Status of the Caspian Sea
- Treaty on Eurasian Economic Union
- Ilulissat Declaration of the Arctic States
- ILO Maritime Labour Convention
- ILO Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised) (No.185)
- UNESCO Convention on Underwater Cultural Heritage
- The Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks
- Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development

Diplomatic rank - Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Author of a number of publications on international law (in Russian)

Member of the Executive Board of the Russian Association of International Law

Guest lecturer on International Law at the Moscow Institute of International Relations and Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (2006-2009)

Co-organizer and speaker at the Round Table “Current Trends in the Development of Judicial Practice on the Correlation between International and National Law” at the St. Petersburg International Legal Forum (2018)

Speaker at the Forum on the Belt and Road Legal Cooperation (Beijing, 2018)

Guest lecturer at the Summer School on Public International Law organized by the International and Comparative Law Research Center (Moscow, 2019)

Speaker at the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Russian Association of International Law on the topic “International law and State security” (2019)

Speaker at the XIII International Conference on International Humanitarian Law “Martens Readings – 2019, Geneva Conventions: 70 years after” (Saint Petersburg, 2019)

Languages - Russian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Bulgarian (fluent), French (oral and written comprehension)

Married, with two children.