

## CURRICULUM VITAE

MERNIER André (Ambassador)      Born: 26 May 1943      Married with two daughters

André Mernier was educated in Greek and Latin including a heavy concentration on special mathematics. He attended the Belgian Military Academy from which he received a commission in 1967. He completed a Masters degree in Law at the University of Louvain in 1973.

### Professional career

From January 2006: André Mernier was appointed to the post of Secretary-General of the Energy Charter Secretariat.

2004-2005: As Head of Energy Services with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brussels, Belgium, he was involved in all energy-related matters at national (CONCERE), European and international levels (AIE, ECT).

2000-2004: André spent five years as an Ambassador in MOSCOW with accreditation also in Belarus, Moldova, Armenia, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan.

1999-2000: Based in Brussels, he was Inspector of Belgian diplomatic posts abroad.

1996-1999: He spent some three years as an Ambassador in GENEVA.

-1998: He was elected chairman of the 1<sup>st</sup> Committee of the 53<sup>rd</sup> UNGA in NEW YORK.

-1997: He held the post of President of the Brussels Conference on Anti Personnel Mines.  
He was nominated Vice Chairman of the Ottawa Convention drafting conference in Oslo (September 1997)

1994-1996: He was Head of the Arms Control Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Belgium.

1994-1996: He served three years as the elected President of the professional association of Belgian diplomats.

1990-1994: He spent four years as Ambassador in SEOUL (South Korea).

- 1989-1990: He was nominated Minister-Counselor to the Belgian Embassy in Bonn with residence in BERLIN (reunified).
- 1988-1989: He held the post of Consul General in WEST BERLIN.
- 1985-1988: He was nominated to the post of Counselor at the Belgian Embassy in EAST BERLIN.
- 1981-1985: He spent four years as First Secretary at the Belgian Embassy in WASHINGTON D.C.
- 1978-1981: He served as Second Secretary to the Belgian Permanent Delegation to NATO.
- 1977-1978: He spent two years as Chargé d`Affaires en pied in CYPRUS.
- 1973-1976: He served as the Legal and Logistics Adviser for a Belgian company (I.P.T.C.), which specialised in electronic appliances and services and employed some 2.500 people.  
He continued to perform consulting work for this firm between 1976 and 1978.
- 1967-1973: He spent seven years serving as a Military Officer in the Belgian army, stationed in Germany (Düren and Siegen).

Of French mother tongue, André is also fluent in English, Russian, Dutch and German.

In addition to various professional and confidential articles, André has published brochures on the history of diplomatic relations between Russia and Belgium and between Belgium and South Korea

When relaxing and taking time out, he enjoys reading and sports, including running, swimming and riding.