

Biographical note

Ambassador François Voeffray-Peyro



Dr François Voeffray-Peyro is the Ambassador of Switzerland to the Kingdom of Sweden.

Mr Voeffray-Peyro began his professional career as a lecturer in international law at the University of Geneva and joined the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1996.

A career diplomat, he has served abroad at the Swiss Mission to the United Nations in New York (1999-2001) and at the Swiss Embassies in Spain (2006-2010) and in the United Kingdom (2016-2020). At the Foreign Ministry in Berne, he served in the Directorate for Public International Law as Legal Counsel (1996-1998) and later as Ambassador-at-Large for International Humanitarian Law (2014-2016). He also served in the International Organizations Division (1998-1999, 2001-2006) and as Head of the division in charge of environment, energy, transportation and health (2010-2014). In this latter function he was a Sherpa in the UN High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability, which made an important contribution to the UN Conference on Sustainable Development 2012 (Rio+20).

Mr Voeffray-Peyro holds a PhD in international law from the University of Geneva. He also has a degree in law from the same University and a Masters in International Relations from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. He has been a visiting scholar at Columbia University in New York and received the Paul Guggenheim Award for his book on *actio popularis* under international law.

Mr Voeffray-Peyro speaks French, English, German, Spanish and a little Italian and is currently learning Swedish. He was born in 1968, in Geneva, is married to Maria, and has four children aged between 21 and 16.