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SPEAKER BIO

Minister Plenipotentiary Fabio Cassese, Director General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.



Graduated in Law at the University of Naples, in 1989 he passed the competition for access to the diplomatic career.

After a period spent at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Directorate General for Human Resources, in 1994 he was transferred to Rio de Janeiro with the role of Vice Consul and then of Consul.

In 1998 he took up the Permanent Representation of Italy at the United Nations in New York, where for four years he was in charge of the economic, development and humanitarian sectors, in the General Assembly and Ecosoc, as well as of the UN Funds and Programs (UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNIFEM).

Returning to the Ministry he was assigned to the Directorate General for Human Resources, where he was first Head of the Competition Office and then Head of the Legal Department.

In 2005 he was assigned as Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Italy at the OECD in Paris, where he followed, among others, the development cooperation sector and the MENA programs. At the same time he was Italian delegate at the European Space Agency.

In 2009 he was transferred to the Permanent Representation of Italy to the European Union in Brussels, where he first coordinated the Justice, Home Affairs and Immigration sector, and then the Infringement Procedures and State Aid sector.

In 2011 he was promoted to Minister Plenipotentiary, on a proposal from the Council of Ministers, by a Decree of the President of the Republic.

From 2012 to 2016 he held the functions of Deputy Director General for Development Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this capacity he contributed to the formulation of cooperation policies and strategies, coordinated the bilateral and multilateral initiatives of Italian cooperation and followed its implementation, particularly in the priority countries in Africa and the Middle East, where he made numerous field visits. In this period he was also appointed as Coordinator for the UN Agenda post 2015 within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

In 2016 he was appointed as Deputy Head of the Staff of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

In 2017 he was directly reported to the Director General for Economic, Cultural and Scientific Cooperation, and in particular he coordinated several initiatives of integrated promotion including the regional program "Italy, Cultures, Mediterranean".

In July 2018 he was appointed as Ambassador of Italy to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, on a proposal from the Council of Ministers, by a Decree of the President of the Republic. On October 31, 2018, he assumed in this capacity in Amman.

In December 2021 he was appointed as Director General for Development Cooperation. On March 1st 2022 he assumed in this capacity at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Rome.