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H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the UN

Ambassador Ivan Šimonović started his second mandate as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Croatia to the UN in New York in 2019.

At the United Nations, Šimonović served as the UN Assistant-Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect from 2016 to 2018, and as the UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights from 2010 to 2016.

Šimonović served Croatia in different capacities, including as the Minister of Justice, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. In 2002, he served as the President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Academically, Šimonović worked as a professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, senior visiting scholar and fellow at the Columbia University, New York, visiting professor at the Leeds University, UK, and Penn University, US, as well as honorary professor at the University of Queensland, Australia.

In an expert capacity, Šimonović has been a member of the Council of Europe's Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) and the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), as well as the Agent of the Republic of Croatia before the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

Ambassador Šimonović obtained his Law Degree (Bachelor's and Master's) and PhD from the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb.

Ambassador Šimonović is fluent in Croatian (native), English and has a good knowledge of German and Italian. He is married with two children.



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