

Milenko Skoknic Tapia
Ambassador



Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Santiago, Chile since 1 August 2016.

April 1979 Joined the Chilean Foreign Service.

June 2003 Named Ambassador.

May 2014 – July 2016 Consul-General of Chile, La Paz, Bolivia.

May 2013 – April 2014 Ambassador of Chile, Argentina.

February 2010 – April 2013 Chief of Staff, Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs.

March 2005 – February 2010 Ambassador of Chile, Austria, Slovenia and Slovakia and Permanent Representative of Chile to the International Organizations based in Vienna: IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency), UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime), UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission on International Trade Law), UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization) and CTBTO (Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization).

September 2007 – September 2008 President, Board of Governors of the IAEA (the only Chilean diplomat to have held this post in the history of the Agency).

August 2012 – March 2014 Chilean Representative in the Dialogue of Peace between the Government of Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), Havana, Cuba.

Panelist on various seminars and conferences on disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation.

2004 Executive Director, Organising Committee, APEC Chile.

2003 – 2004 Chilean delegate to the negotiations leading to the Chile/US Free Trade Agreement.

2002 Vice-President, Negotiating Committee, ALCA.

December 1980 – July 1985 Secretary, Chilean Delegation, Papal Mediation, Rome, Italy.

Throughout his career in the Chilean Foreign Service, Ambassador Skoknic has held positions in the Chilean Mission to the United Nations, New York; the Embassies of Chile to the Holy See, Turkey and Argentina; the Chilean Consulates in Toronto, Canada and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

He has been a Chilean delegate to various international conferences, including:

1995 Law of the Sea, Jamaica (which concluded in the New York Agreement on Fishing in High Seas.

1995 Social Development Summit, Copenhagen, Denmark.

1992 Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Ambassador Skoknic entered the Chilean Diplomatic Academy via open competition and gained various distinctions therein, most notably the Foreign Minister's Award for Best Student 1980.

In 1982 he was awarded a British Council scholarship and completed a Diploma in International Politics and Economics at St Antony's College, Oxford, England.

His secondary education was undertaken at the De La Salle College, Santiago and he studied law at the University of Chile, graduating in 1977.

Born in 1954. He is married to Colette Ramsey. He has 3 children.

1972-1977 Played basketball for Chile and participated in several South American championships, both at junior and senior levels.

Decorations:

Order of San Gregorio Magno, Holy See

Order of Mayo, Argentina

Grand Gold Order of Service, Austria

Orders of Service, Chile

Order of Merit, Chile