

## Ana Palacio

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Ana Palacio is a lawyer by profession, specializing in international and European Union law, arbitration and mediation. She is the first woman to serve as the Foreign Affairs Minister of Spain. In March 2012, Ana Palacio was appointed to serve as a member of the Consejo de Estado, the supreme consultative body on legislation and governmental acts. Since January 2013, she is member of the Advisory Board on Foreign Affairs and Security to President Van Rompuy. As a Member of the Spanish Cortes, she chaired the Joint Committee on the European Union in the two houses of the parliament. Minister Palacio has served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the World Bank Group and as Executive Committee member and Senior Vice President for International Affairs of AREVA. As a Member of the European Parliament, Minister Palacio chaired the Legal Affairs and Internal Market Committee, the Justice and Home Affairs Committee, and the Conference of Committee Chairs. She is a member of the boards of different companies, think tanks and public institutions.