

Willy Kempel

Austrian Ambassador to the State of Qatar



Nationality & personal details

Austrian, born 13th May 1961, Vienna, Austria, male, divorced, one daughter born in 2008

Languages

Fluent in German, English and French, advanced knowledge of Spanish

Education

Degree in Law, University of Vienna, (doctor iuris), 23 November 1983, commercial and language studies. Postgraduate diploma of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna (specialising in security and environmental policies), 11 June 1985. Studies in the USA and Norway.

Other activities

Senior lecturer Danube University, Krems, and Sigmund Freud University, Vienna: EU policies and legislation, negotiating tactics and strategies in various contexts (from local to international). Oil painting, acting, writing, lecturing, sports.

Professional Career

1985	Legal Adviser, Family Court Vienna
1986	Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs: Protocol and Eastern Europe Directorates
1987	Austrian Embassy Kinshasa (DRC): Stage (security and development policies regarding nine Central African countries)
1987-91	Austrian Permanent Mission to the United Nations and Specialised Organisations, Geneva (First Secretary): environmental and security policy including Austrian representative to the Conference on Disarmament, UN-GA and UNDC; biological/chemical and nuclear weapons, protection of the ozone layer, climate change, hazardous waste, delegate to UNCED and OECD, legal adviser to UNEP; various publications
1991-94	Austrian Embassy Tel Aviv (Counsellor and alternate to the Ambassador): bilateral relations with Israel (political relations, security policy, holocaust, anti-Semitism, press, culture), bilateral relations with Palestinian administration (political relations, development and cultural projects), and multilateral Middle East Peace Process (Head of delegation/delegate to five working groups on water, environment, refugees, economic issues and security)
1994-97	Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Counsellor and Deputy Head of the Middle East Directorate): bilateral and multilateral relations with the region, Austrian representative in EU-Council Working Groups, Barcelona Process

1997-99	Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Counsellor, Deputy Head of the Directorate for Arms Control and Disarmament as well as of the Austrian Permanent Mission to the IAEA and the CTBTO): biological, chemical and nuclear weapons, Austrian representative to meetings in the context of the UN-GA, CTBTO, IAEA, NPT; security policy at large
1999-2003	Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union (Minister): Head of the Political Department coordinating all aspects of the EU external action including CFSP, ESDP and community instruments; alternate representative to the Political and Security Committee and to the Permanent Representative; Austrian representative to the Council Working Groups RELEX, Civil Crisis Management Committee, terrorism clearing house, EU Satellite Centre, EU International Institute for Strategic Studies, sanctions committees, ESDP committees; participation in all meetings of PSC, COREPER II, and GAERC.
2003-2004	European Commission (national detached expert): General Directorate RELEX, Directorate B, Unit B-2 regarding UN-SC, peace and security, liaison with other Commission services on crisis management and conflict prevention, UN-GA (First and Fourth Committee), terrorism, arms control and disarmament, drugs and crimes (ODC), IAEA, desk-to-desk dialogue with the UN, UN specialized agencies (UNEP), UN reform/UN High Level Panel
2005	European Commission (national detached expert): General Directorate RELEX, Directorate C, Unit for US and Canada Relations (Unit C-1): Enlargement, Eastern Europe, OSCE, European Neighbourhood Policy, Western Balkans, development cooperation, drugs policy, Africa, human rights and democracy, international organisations (in particular UN, OSCE), humanitarian assistance and projects
2006-2007	European Commission (national detached expert): General Directorate RELEX, Directorate for Japan, Korea, East Asia, Australia and New Zealand (Unit C-2): relations with Japan (regulatory reform dialogue, trade, political meetings), East Asia region
2007-2010	Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU, Head of Office of the Ministry of the Interior (overall policy coordination, external relations in justice and home affairs, police cooperation, Schengen cooperation, asylum, migration, anti-terrorism policies, EUROPOL, civil protection, civil crisis management, critical infrastructure, future of Europe)
April 2010 - March 2011	Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs (minister) senior adviser implementation of the Lisbon Treaty, and post Fukushima policies
April 2011- July 2012	Deputy Head of Directorate COREPER I affairs and economic relations with EU-27; business service for enterprises in the EU area, Post-Fukushima policies
August 2012 until Sept. 2016	Head of Directorate III.5 (COREPER I Affairs regarding EU Single Market including Digital Single Market and Defence Single Market, Open Technology and Innovation, EU Security Research
15 Sept 2106 until today	Ambassador, Austrian Embassy Doha, Qatar until today