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Elina Kalkku

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Prior to the current position, Ms. Kalkku served as Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, responsible for development policy and relations with African and Middle Eastern countries. Prior to that, she served as Director-General of the Department for Americas and Asia in 2005-2015. In 2000-2005, she served as Director of the Security Policy unit at the Political Department of the Ministry.

Ms. Kalkku joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1983. She has previously served abroad at the Finnish Mission to the UN in New York (1987-1991) and the Finnish Mission to Nato in Brussels as well as at the Finnish Embassies in Madrid and Brussels.

She has worked with issues related to security policy and crisis management, the EU and the UN affairs, transatlantic relations, Asian and Middle Eastern affairs, Finland's relations with African countries as well as trade promotion and development policy and development cooperation. She was member of the Finnish delegation to the UN Security Council in 1989-1990. She also served as a Diplomatic Advisor to the Foreign Minister of Finland at the Ministry in the 1990's.

Personal information

- Born in Helsinki, Finland in 1959
- Married with two grown-up children

Academic background

Masters (1982) and Licenciate of Law (1999) degrees from the University of Helsinki, specializing in international law

Languages

- Fluent in Finnish, Swedish and English
- Working proficiency in French and basics in Spanish

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