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**Mr. Vaaranmaa is Finland's Ambassador to the OECD and UNESCO since February 2023.** He started his diplomatic career as Attaché in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1997 before taking his first position abroad in 1998 as Second Secretary at the Embassy of Finland to the Syrian Arab Republic. In 2000, he joined the Permanent Mission of Finland to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) as First Secretary before going back to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Adviser at the Trade Policy Department in 2004.

In 2007, Mr. Vaaranmaa became Director of the Personnel Unit in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2009 to 2016, he worked as Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland in several International Organisations (the WTO and other international organizations in Geneva from 2009 to 2012 and at the OECD in Paris from 2012 to 2016).

In 2017, he was appointed Director of the Trade Policy Unit (Department for International Trade).

Mr. Vaaranmaa has a Master's degree (History, International Politics, Economics) from the University of Tampere in Finland. He speaks Finnish, Swedish, English, French and German. He is married and has four (adult) children.

