

## **Curriculum Vitae Johan VERBEKE**

Born in Ghent (Belgium), 9<sup>th</sup> July 1951  
Married, 3 children

### **EDUCATION**

Degrees in Law and Philosophy obtained in Belgium (J.D., MA, Ghent University), France (D.E.S., Université de Nancy) and the United States (LL.M., Yale Law School)

### **CAREER**

- Assistant Professor of European Law at Ghent University (1975-1977)
- Junior Associate with law firm Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton (New York and Brussels, 1978-1981)
- Entered diplomatic service in 1981
- Posted in Beirut (1983-85), Amman (Chargé d'Affaires, 1985), Bujumbura (1985-88) and Santiago de Chile (Chargé d'Affaires, 1988-90)
- Chief Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1990-92)
- "Antici" in the Permanent Representation to the European Union (1992-94, Belgian Presidency)
- Deputy Chief of Mission in Washington (1994-98)
- Deputy Director General of Political Affairs (1998-99)
- Director General of European Affairs (P11) (1999-2000)
- Chef de Cabinet to the State Secretary for European Affairs (2000-02, Belgian Presidency)
- Chef de Cabinet to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (2002-04)
- Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the UN in New York (2004-08, Member of the Security Council)
- Special Coordinator of the UN Secretary General in Lebanon (with rank of Under Secretary General) (2008)
- Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in Georgia and Head of UNOMIG (2008-09)
- Ambassador to the UK (2010-13)
- Ambassador to the USA (2014-present)