

El Hassane Zahid (Morocco)

Mr El Hassane Zahid, who is member of the international civil service commission since 1997, was formerly Ambassador to Thailand for His Majesty the King, with accreditation to Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Viet Nam from December 2003 to July 2010.

From 2001 to 2003 he was Assistant Director for International Organizations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From September 1983 to June 2001 he served first as Counsellor and later as Minister Plenipotentiary in the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations.

During his posting to the Permanent Mission of Morocco in New York, from September 1983 to June 2001, he represented Morocco on many commissions and committees and served as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur of various United Nations bodies. For example, he chaired the Committee on Information in 1999 and 2000 and the Committee on Conferences from January to December 1996. He served as Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Conferences in 1993 and again in 1995, Vice-Chairman of the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in 1992 and Rapporteur of the Committee on Conferences in 1994.

Mr. Zahid participated as representative of Morocco in the work of the following United Nations bodies:

- United Nations Children's Fund: April 1985
- Committee on Information: March 1985, May 1994 and 1999
- Committee for Programme and Coordination: April 1985, May–June 1989, September 1990, June 1991 and May 1992 (Vice-Chairman)
- Committee on Conferences: Vice-Chairman in 1993, Rapporteur in 1994, Vice Chairman in 1995 and Chairman in 1996
- Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements: January and September 1985
- Commission on Transnational Corporations: tenth session, April 1984; eleventh session, April 1986
- Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Science and Technology Development: mid-June 1994
- Security Council in 1992 and 1993
- First Committee (disarmament and international security) from 1986 to 1988
- Second Committee (economic and financial) in 1983 and 1984
- Special Political Committee (ad hoc political questions) in 1985
- Fourth Committee (decolonization) from 1994 to 2001
- Fifth Committee (administrative and budgetary) in 1984 and from 1989 to 2001
- International Conference on Disarmament and Development: August and September 1987
- Third special session of the General Assembly on disarmament: May and June 1988

- United Nations Disarmament Commission: May 1987 and May 1988
- United Nations Staff Pension Committee from January 1995 to the end of 1997 (three-year term)
- Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Implementation of the Principle of Capacity to Pay: May 1995
- Economic and Social Council: May 1984, June 1984, February 1985, May 1985, April and May 1986 and February 1987
- United Nations Development Programme: February 1984
- Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: February and June 1986
- Extraordinary Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on Disarmament: Havana, 26–30 May 1988
- Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: tenth session, January 1986; eleventh session, August 1987; twelfth session, January 1988; thirteenth session, January 1990; fourteenth session, January 1992

Education

Mr. Zahid did his secondary studies in Morocco at the lycée Sidi Jaheen Lyoussi in Séfrou and then at the lycée Moulay Smail in Méknes, where he obtained the *baccalauréat en lettres* (secondary baccalaureat of arts), with studies in English.

From 1970 to 1973 he did his university studies at the École nationale d'administration in Rabat and was awarded a diploma in July 1973 (major in diplomatic studies).

From September 1980 to December 1981 he pursued advanced studies at the École nationale d'administration in Rabat. During the course of these studies, he did a number of internships in Morocco and France, including an internship at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France and another at the Prefecture in Lille.

During the same period Mr. Zahid attended a management course in Morocco, obtaining a diploma in July 1981.

In December 1981, after successfully defending a dissertation on the subject of non-contentious administrative procedure, he obtained a *diplôme du cycle supérieur* (advanced-level diploma) from the École nationale d'administration.

He participated in a number of seminars, including one organized by the École nationale d'administration on continuing education, a seminar organized by the United Nations in April 1992 on United Nations budget methodology and a seminar on outer space organized by the Government of Canada in Montreal.

He was awarded a certificate of proficiency in English by the United Nations and a German language certificate by the Goethe Institute in Rabat.

Professional experience and posts held

In July 1973 he began his diplomatic career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Secretary for Foreign Affairs and assistant to the head of personnel.

In August 1974 he was posted to Germany (Düsseldorf) as Vice-Consul. In September 1979 he was put in charge of the Refugees and Stateless Persons Service in the Department of Consular and Social Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In January 1982 he was appointed Counsellor for Foreign Affairs and was assigned to the Department of Multilateral Economic Affairs. During this period he participated in meetings of the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and in Tangier, Morocco (Multinational Programming and Operational Planning Centre (MULPOC)).

In September 1983 he was posted to the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations.

In 1993 he was promoted to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary and in 1995 was appointed Deputy Permanent Representative.

During his posting in New York he represented Morocco in many United Nations bodies, committees and commissions and assumed important responsibilities and duties as a member of the bureaux of those bodies.

He possesses a very good knowledge of Arabic, French and English and a moderately good knowledge of German and Spanish.

Mr. El Hassane Zahid was born in 1949 in Beniyazgha, Morocco.
