El Hassane Zahid (Morocco)

[Original: English and French]

General information

Name and surname: El Hassane Zahid

Date of birth: 1949 in Beniyazgha – Fès (Morocco)

Languages: Arabic, French and English/German and Spanish (average knowledge)

Training and qualifications

- Graduated from the normal cycle of the National School of Administration of Rabat, Diplomatic Section, in 1973
- Graduated from the superior cycle of the National School of Administration in management, in 1981
- Baccalaureate degree in Literature (English pre-training), Casablanca, in 1970.

Professional Career

2003–2010: Ambassador of His Majesty the King in Thailand with accreditation to Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam

2001–2003: Deputy Director of International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

1995–2001: Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations in New York

1983–2001: Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations in New York

January 1982: Promotion as a Foreign Affairs Counsellor and assignment to the Directorate of Multilateral Economic Affairs, in charge of African Economic Affairs

1979–1981: In charge of the Refugees and Stateless Persons at the Directorate of the Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

1974–1979: Vice Consul at the Consulate of the Kingdom of Morocco in Düsseldorf (Germany)

July 1973: Beginning of the diplomatic career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation as Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Deputy of the Head of Personnel Service

Experiences in United Nations bodies and international meetings

• Member of the International Civil Service Commission, since 1997

As a member of Moroccan delegations or representative of Morocco

• Security Council in 1992 and 1993;

- Eighteen sessions of the General Assembly, from 1983 to 2000;
- First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) from 1986 to 1988;
- Second Committee (Economic Questions) in 1983 and 1984;
- Fourth Committee (Special Political and Decolonization) from 1994 to 2001;

- Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary Questions) in 1984 and from 1989 to 2001;
- Economic and Social Council of the United Nations during the sessions of 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987;
- International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development in August–September 1987;
- Third Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly on Disarmament in May– June 1988;
- Disarmament Commission in May 1987 and May 1988;
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 1984 and 1985;
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), April 1985;
- Committee on Information in 1985, 1994 and 1999;
- Committee on Programme and Coordination, in 1985, 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992;
- Committee on Requests for Review of Judgments of the Administrative Court in 1985;
- Commission on Transnational Corporations in 1984 and 1986 (10th and 11th sessions);
- Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in 1986;
- Ministerial Meeting of the Coordination Office of the Non-Aligned Movement on Disarmament of Havana in May 1988;
- Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: 10th session in 1986, 11th session in 1987, 12th session in 1988, 13th session in 1990 and 14th session in 1992;
- Intergovernmental Committee of Experts for the Development of Science and Technology, May–June 1994;
- Special Intergovernmental Working Group on the Application of the Principle of Payment Capacity in May 1995;
- XIII Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Kuala Lumpur in February 2003;
- Seventy-eighth General Assembly of Interpol in Singapore in October 2009;
- Member of the Observation Mission of the Arab League in Syria, December 2011–January 2012.

As President, Vice-President or Rapporteur

- Chairman of the Committee on Information in 1999 and 2000;
- President of the Committee of Conferences from January to December 1996;
- Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Conferences in 1993 and 1995;
- Vice-President of the Administrative and Budgetary Commission (Fifth Committee) during the 47th session of the General Assembly;
- Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Programme and Coordination in 1992;
- Rapporteur of the Committee on Conferences in 1994.