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**Education**

1980 Graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations

**Professional activities**

Before Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR/Russian Federation and its missions abroad

2002–2005 Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the International Maritime Organization, London

2005–2009 Head of Division, General Secretariat (Department) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (MFA of Russia)

2009–2013 Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to UNESCO, Paris

2013–2018 Deputy Director, Department for International Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights, MFA of Russia

**Human rights activities – national level**

2005–2009 *Participated in various meetings related to human rights at the public hearings in the State Duma of Federal Assembly (Parliament) of the Russian Federation and public political events at the university level*

2013–2018 *Participated in the meetings of the Presidential Human Rights Council and various international conferences on the rights of refugees and migrants, organized jointly by UNHCR and IOM offices in Moscow in cooperation with leading Russian universities*

**Human rights activities – international level**

Expert, member or head of national delegation at various sessions, conferences, workshops and other international events within the framework of the United Nations and other fora, including:

1999–2002 *Member of the Russian delegation at sessions of the Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations, Geneva*

*Member of the Russian delegation at sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, New York*

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