



“It is widely acknowledged that the development of general international law during the past 70 years has, to a great extent, been achieved directly or indirectly as a result of the Commission’s efforts. While the work of the International Law Commission is held in high esteem, the Commission remains an undervalued asset in the global system of norm-setting institutions and still has much to offer, in addition to the large codification projects it has already accomplished”

Ambassador Andreas D. Mavroyiannis

Candidate of the Republic of Cyprus for election to the International Law Commission of the United Nations 2023-2027

The Republic of Cyprus is proud to present the candidature of Ambassador Andreas D. Mavroyiannis for the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) for the term 2023-2027. A well-respected diplomat and international law expert with extensive experience, Amb. Mavroyiannis is eminently qualified to serve on the Commission.

Amb. Mavroyiannis' candidacy is driven by two qualities: his professional credentials and his approach to international law, which has been shaped by a long career in representing a small state, emerging from decolonization, whose existence relies on international law.

The prism through which Amb. Mavroyiannis will contribute to the work of the ILC, if elected, is the firm belief that international law is the lynchpin of effective multilateralism, as well as and that developing international rules and establishing a culture of compliance with these rules by states is the only way to meet humanity's shared objectives. The international community of states - with bodies like the ILC at the forefront - must play a more prominent role in the fight to mainstream rules in international relations and incorporate the legal dimension in the decision-making processes of the organized international community.

Working on the basis of rules is the only way to eliminate double standards and injustices and each part of the system has a place and a role to play in this. The Commission has the tools, the mandate and the human capital to deliver solutions to areas where codification is lacking, while new areas emerge as reality progresses. It also has an important role to play in the clarification of the definition and scope of important concepts that pertain to customary international law and/or are enshrined in treaties. One of the Commission's goals should be to strengthen the rule of law at the international level and to contribute to legal certainty in different areas of law.

Credentials

Amb. Mavroyiannis is a career diplomat with extensive practical experience in different areas of international law, ranging from general international law and the law of the sea to international criminal justice and international humanitarian law. He has served twice as Cyprus' Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, he conducted the first Cyprus Presidency of the European Union as Deputy Minister for European Affairs, and has served continuously since September 2013 as the Negotiator of the Greek-Cypriot community in the talks on the settlement of the Cyprus problem, which is conducted in the framework of the United Nations Secretary-General's good offices mission in Cyprus.

As Chief Negotiator in the Cyprus peace process, Amb. Mavroyiannis has dealt in depth with a multitude of issues entailed in redressing the consequences of conflict and reorganizing Cyprus from a unitary to a federal state upon its reunification, including all aspects of governance and the constitutional set-up of the state, the compliance of the peace agreement with the *acquis* of the European Union, the construction of a regime for the restitution of (or other remedy in respect of) property that persons were dispossessed of as a result of armed conflict, the negotiation of territorial adjustments, the design of functional and effective national economic institutions post-settlement, and reaching agreement on the security arrangements for a reunited Cyprus.

As Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations, he served as Chairman of the Fifth Committee of the UN General Assembly at its 74th session (2019-2020), Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (2019-2021 and 2003-2008), Rapporteur of the 3rd International Conference on the Financing of Development (Addis Ababa, 2015),

Vice-President of the 62nd session of the General Assembly of the United Nations (2007-2008), PGA-appointed facilitator on “the question of the veto” in the framework of the Working Group on the “Question of equitable representation on, and increase in the membership of, the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council”. In 2008, he chaired an overarching process on the reform of the UN Security Council, in which more than 60 UN Member States participated and which resulted in a blueprint for the reform of the Security Council, presented to the President of the General Assembly in March 2008. Amb. Mavroyiannis also presided over numerous UN Conferences and meetings, including the Charter Committee, the 14th Meeting of States Parties to the CEDAW, and the 15th Meeting of States Parties to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. He was Cyprus’ candidate for the post of President of the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly (2016-17).

As Deputy Minister for European Affairs (2011-2013), directly under the President of Cyprus, Amb. Mavroyiannis was tasked with setting up, preparing, organizing and running the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the second semester of 2012. His competences included representing the Government to EU Institutions and presiding over Council formations as required, the responsibility for inter-institutional relations on the part of the EU Presidency and the Council, the representation of the EU Presidency and the Council before the European Parliament, and the management, inter alia, of the Multiannual Financial Framework and the EU budget negotiations.

In terms of legal expertise, Ambassador Mavroyiannis has long practical and academic experience, starting with an undergraduate Diploma in Law from the University of Thessaloniki in Greece (1980) and a Masters degree (D.E.A.) in International Law from the Université de Droit et de Sciences Economiques -Paris II (1982).

In 1984, Ambassador Mavroyiannis was awarded the Diploma of The Hague Academy of International Law. In 1985, he participated at the research Center of the Hague Academy of International Law on the theme “International protection of the environment against transboundary pollution”. He was a member of the Committee of Legal Advisors of the Council of Europe between 1988 and 1992 and represented Cyprus at the UN Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Jamaica, 1989) and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation (AALCO). Amb. Mavroyiannis served as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the election of the new Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in 2019-20, while in 2005-2008 he represented Cyprus in the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court, by which he was appointed in 2008 to serve as the first facilitator on the Court’s Independent Oversight Mechanism. Ambassador Mavroyiannis is Adjunct Professor of Public International Law at the Frederick University of Cyprus since 2018. He has contributed numerous articles to scholarly journals and Reviews as well as in newspapers in the fields of Law, Philosophy, Political Science and EU matters. He is a member of the European Group of Public Law and of the Board of Trustees of the European Law and Governance School.

Amb. Mavroyiannis has also served in a host of other positions since joining the Foreign Service of Cyprus in 1987, including in the highest diplomatic rank as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus (2013), Chef de Cabinet to the Foreign Minister (1995-1997 and 2002-2003), Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the European Union (2008-2011), Ambassador to France (1999-2002), and Ambassador to Ireland (1997-1999). In 2015, he was awarded the National Order of the Legion of Honour (Légion d'honneur) of the French Republic (rank of Officer). He was made Grand Officer of the Order of Diplomatic merit of the Republic of Romania in 2013.

Andreas D. Mavroyiannis short biographical note

Currently Chief Negotiator in the Cyprus peace process

- 2019 - Jan 2021 Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations in New York
- 2013 - 2019 Negotiator of the Greek-Cypriot side in the inter-communal talks on the Cyprus problem
- 2013 Permanent Secretary (Secretary-General) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus (highest rank below the Minister of Foreign Affairs)
- 2011 - 2013 Deputy Minister to the President of the Republic of Cyprus for European Affairs
- 2008 - 2011 Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the European Union
- 2003 - 2008 Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations in New York. Concurrently accredited as non-Resident Ambassador of Cyprus to Brazil and as High Commissioner of Cyprus to Saint Lucia, Grenada and Antigua and Barbuda
- 2002 - 2008 Member of the negotiating team of the Greek Cypriot side in the bi-communal talks for the solution of the Cyprus problem
- 2002 - 2003 Chef de cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus
- 1999 - 2002 Ambassador of Cyprus to France with concurrent accreditation as non-Resident Ambassador to the Principality of Andorra, the Republic of Tunisia, and the Kingdom of Morocco
- 1997 - 1999 Ambassador of Cyprus to Ireland
- 1994 - 1997 Chef de cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus
- 1993 - 1994 EU Department, MFA
- 1989 - 1993 Second then First Secretary, Embassy of Cyprus in Paris
- 1989 Representative of Cyprus at the UN Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
- 1988 - 1992 Representative of Cyprus at the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI) of the Council of Europe
- 1987 Joined the Foreign Service of the Republic of Cyprus
- 1985 - 1987 Research Assistant of Prof. Pierre-Marie Dupuy (Université de Paris II)
- 1984 Diploma of The Hague Academy of International Law
- 1984 - 1985 D.E.A. de Droit International, D.E.A. de Sciences Politiques (Université de Droit et de Sciences Economique - Paris II)
- 1981 - 1985 D.E.A. de Sociologie, Doctorat de 3ème cycle en Sociologie Politique (Université de Paris X - Nanterre)
- 1975 - 1980 LLB (Diploma in Law), University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Born in Cyprus in 1956, Ambassador Mavroyiannis was married to the late Calliopi Efthymoulou with whom he has a son, Diomides, and a daughter, Athena.

He is fluent in Greek, French and English and has basic knowledge of German.