



Patricia N. Waring-Ripley (Canada)

Director Civil Administration United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Patricia N. Waring-Ripley has served as Director of the Department of Civil Administration in the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo since 14 November 2004. In this position, Ms. Waring-Ripley is responsible for the oversight of local and central level institutions of the PISG, the delivery of programmes to minority communities across Kosovo's 30 municipalities and for operational capacity building in PISG ministries. An important component of Ms. Waring-Ripley's responsibilities is the management of programmes which fall within the reserved area competencies as delineated in SCR 1244. These programmes include: oversight of travel documentation, administration of state-owned properties and responsibility for the operation of the Housing and Property Directorate. Prior to assuming her current position with UNMIK, Ms. Waring Ripley served as A/DSRSG for Civil Administration, D/DSRSG for Civil Administration and Regional Representative for Prishtinë/Priština Region.

From 2002 through 2004 Ms. Waring-Ripley was Principal of the International Governance Consulting Group and served as a consultant to UNDP and Canadem . Her work with these last-named agencies was focused primarily in three areas: public service governance, decentralisation and the advancement of women in the public policy debate. Before her retirement, Ms. Waring-Ripley served as a senior public official in the Province of Nova Scotia, holding a number of senior-ranked positions including Deputy Minister of Community Services, Deputy Minister for Housing and Municipal Affairs and Deputy Minister Responsible for the Petroleum Directorate. Shortly before her retirement, Ms. Waring-Ripley was appointed Deputy Minister to the Premier and Deputy Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Affairs. In those positions Ms. Waring-Ripley developed and launched a comprehensive programme review exercise and developed and implemented a major restructuring across all government departments and agencies. Ms. Waring-Ripley has also held a number of teaching posts at several major Canadian universities and from 1979 to 1981 held the Department of National Defence Chair in Military and Strategic Studies.

Ms. Waring-Ripley received her PhD from McGill University in 1978. During her undergraduate career Ms. Waring-Ripley studied at the University of Vienna and the Jagellonian University in Cracow. She speaks French and German and has a strong working knowledge of Italian, Polish and Serbian. Ms Waring-Ripley was awarded the Nova Scotia Writers' Association Prize for her novel "The Gingerbreadmen" and her television programme, "The Stopwatch Chef", received an award for outstanding production in 1990.