



**Joseph J. Stephanides**  
**Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Georgia**

Mr. Stephanides was appointed, as of 1 March 2009, as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia.

Prior to the above appointment, he served as Head of the Addis Ababa Office of the UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE). He also served as Director, Security Council Affairs Division, Department of Political Affairs, as Deputy Director of the same Division and Chief of the Sanctions Branch, as well as Chief, Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch. Before his assignment to the Security Council Affairs Division he was the Deputy Director of the West Asia Regional Division, in the Department of Political Affairs.

Mr. Stephanides' broad experience in UN peacekeeping missions includes service as Head of the Office of the Secretary-General in Iran (UNOSGI) in connection with the implementation of Security Council Resolution 598 (1987) on ending the war between Iraq and Iran and regional security issues. He was also Head of the Kamanjab and Sesfontein Political Office of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) in Namibia.

Other United Nations positions held by Mr. Stephanides include Senior External Relations Officer at the UN Centre for Science and Technology for Development, and Deputy Chief, New York Office of the United Nations Division of Human Rights.

Before joining the United Nations in September 1980, Mr. Stephanides held diplomatic postings with the Cypriot Foreign Service in Bonn, Washington DC and New York, including that of Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

As an Adjunct Professor of United Nations Studies, he taught Modern Diplomacy at the Long Island University, Graduate UN Certificate Programme.

Mr. Stephanides holds an L.L.B degree from Athens University, School of Law and an L.L.M degree in International Legal Studies from New York University, School of Law. He pursued further postgraduate studies at the Georgetown University School of Law and at the Bonn University School of Law.

Born on 12 September 1945, Mr. Stephanides is married and has two daughters.