

Ms. Tania Valerie Raguz is the Vice-Chair representing the Eastern European States on the Bureau of the seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

During 2008, Ms. Raguz returned as First Secretary to the Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations, with primary responsibility for economic, international trade and development issues.

Since joining the Croatian Foreign Service in 1996, Ms. Raguz served in the Departments for the U.N., Human Rights, and Protocol within the Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. Previous diplomatic postings for Ms. Raguz have included Washington D.C. (2004-2008) and the United Nations in New York (1998-2002).

As part of her responsibilities in the Croatian Foreign Ministry, Ms. Raguz served as a member of the Croatian National Committee responsible for drafting the first National program of Action for Children as follow-up to the World Summit for Children, as well as in the secretariat to the Governmental Working Group on Harmonization of National Legislation with the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. Ms. Raguz has also worked on a number of Croatian publications pertaining to U.N. issues.

During her initial posting to the United Nations in New York, Ms. Raguz was involved in the work of a number of Preparatory Bureaus for various U.N. conferences, in particular the Preparatory Committee's task force for the Monterrey International Conference on Financing for Development. Ms. Raguz also closely assisted the President of ECOSOC during the Croatian presidency in 2002.

Ms. Raguz holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from the University of Birmingham and qualified as a Solicitor of Law in the United Kingdom.