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Nationality: Estonian

Occupation: Director, Division of International Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

UNPFII Portfolio: Human Rights, Women

EDUCATION

- 1982 - St. Petersburg State University
- 1996 - Ecole Administration Publique, Paris

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Diplomatic career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

- 1991-1992 Protocol Department, Second Secretary
- 1992-1995 Embassy of Estonia in Brussels, Second Secretary
- 1995-1998 Protocol Department, Deputy Chief of Protocol
- 1998-1999 Protocol Department, Acting Chief of Protocol
- 1999-2002 Permanent Mission of Estonia to the UN Office and other International Organisations in Geneva, Deputy Head of Mission
- 2002 Political Department, Division of International Organisations, Director of Division

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Participation in international fora:

- 1999-2004 Commission of Human Rights
- 1999-2002 UN Sub-Commission on the Promotion of Human Rights
- 1999-2002 Working Group on a draft UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- 1999-2001 Working Group on the Establishment of a UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues