

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**H.E. AMBASSADOR ANDREAS S. KAKOURIS**

## **CYPRUS' CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE 81ST UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Ambassador Andreas S. Kakouris brings over four decades of diplomatic and administrative experience in multilateral and bilateral diplomacy, as well as at Headquarters. He began his career in New York in the mid-1980s as a young envoy of Cyprus to both the Consulate General and the United Nations, where he covered initially the Fourth, then Second and finally the First Committee. These experiences and respect for the United Nations, have had a lasting impact and commitment to both service and multilateralism that has shaped his professional life.

Throughout his career, Ambassador Kakouris has worked across political groupings and regions. He was a member of the Cyprus team at the inception of the Methodology Committee, led by the then Foreign Minister of Cyprus, on the Role and Methodology of the Non-Aligned Movement. In his capacity as Chair of the Commonwealth Board of Governors, whilst serving as High Commissioner in the UK, he successfully brought to conclusion the negotiations to amend the Revised Memorandum on the Establishment and Functions of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

He has served as Ambassador / High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus to Ireland, the United States of America (with parallel accreditation to Canada, the International Civil Aviation Organisation, and Permanent Observer to the Organisation of American States), Sweden (with parallel accreditation to Norway and Latvia), and the United Kingdom (with parallel accreditation to the International Maritime Organisation and the Commonwealth Board of Governors). He has held senior leadership roles at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including Director of key regional and multilateral divisions, Director of the Foreign Minister's Office, and most recently as Permanent Secretary / State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He currently serves as Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateralism.

Ambassador Kakouris holds a Bachelor's degree in Politics from Lancaster University, UK and a Master's degree in International Affairs from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, Canada.

He is married to Kareen Farrell Kakouris and they have a son and a daughter.