

Ambassador, Permanent Representative Vaqif Sadiqov

Mr. Vaqif Sadiqov was born on November 2, 1956 in Baku, Azerbaijan. After graduation from the Azerbaijani Institute of Foreign Languages, he got his MA degree in linguistics in 1978, and PhD degree in linguistics in 1986. Until the end of 1991, he worked as assistant professor in the Azerbaijani Institute of Foreign Languages.

At the beginning of 1992, Mr. Sadiqov joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan. In 1993-1995, Mr. Sadiqov was the head of the Political-military affairs division of the Foreign Ministry. In this period, Mr. Sadiqov was the member of the Azerbaijani delegations to international events on political-military, regional security and arms control issues, in particular, to the negotiations on the allocation of weapons and military equipment among the former USSR successor states.

In April 1995, Mr. Sadiqov was appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Austria, and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Vienna, UNIDO, and OSCE. Since 1998, Ambassador Sadiqov also served as Permanent Representative to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, and since 2001 - to the International Atomic Energy Agency. In that period, Ambassador Sadiqov participated in the negotiations on the adapted CFE Treaty and development of new CSBMs, the OSCE Charter for European Security, and the UN Conventions against Transnational Organized Crime and against Corruption, attended many UN and OSCE events, including the 1996 and 1999 OSCE summits.

In May 2004, Ambassador Vaqif Sadiqov was appointed Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Among other issues, his portfolio included relations of Azerbaijan with the UNESCO and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and issues of multicultural and intercivilisational dialogue.

In October 2010, Vaqif Sadiqov was appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Italy and Permanent Representative to the Rome-based UN Agencies (Food and Agriculture Organization, World Food Programme, International Fund for Agricultural Development). He was also accredited as Ambassador to Malta and San Marino.

On January 27, 2016, the President of Azerbaijan appointed Ambassador Vaqif Sadiqov Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva.

Vaqif Sadiqov is married and has two children.