

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## **HELGE SKAARA,**

Minister, Deputy Head of Mission to the EU

### **Biographical data**

Born: 24 January 1956.

Married to Helena Fabiola Gaytán-Skaara

Five children (born 1994, 1996, 1996, 2005 and 2005)

### **Career**

Career diplomat, entered Norwegian Foreign Service 1983.

2002 - 2005	Ambassador to Mexico. Non-resident ambassador to Cuba.
1999 - 2002	Deputy Director General, European Affairs/ European Economic Area (EEA), MFA.
1999 (March – Aug.)	Assistant Director General, European Affairs/ EEA, MFA.
1995 – 1999	Counsellor (economic affairs), Bonn
1993 – 1995	Head of Division, MFA. European Affairs / EEA / EU accession negotiations.
1992 – 1993	Adviser, MFA. European Affairs/ EEA/ EU accession negotiations.
1991 – 1992	Senior Executive Officer, Political Department, MFA.
1988 – 1991	First Secretary, Paris. (Norwegian Delegation to the OECD).
1986 – 1988	Second Secretary, Lagos.
1983 – 1986	Trainee MFA / Junior Executive Officer (Department of External Economic Affairs).

### **University training**

1982 Cand. mag., University of Oslo. Studies in political science, history and public law.

Major courses in political science (international relations):

- International organisation.
- Security policy.
- International resource management.
- International conflict and conflict resolution.
- American foreign policy.
- Statistics and methodology in social sciences.