

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### AMBASSADOR LOUCAS TSILAS

Ambassador Loucas Tsilas was born October 18, 1939, in Athens, Greece. His wife, Penelope Kartsonas-Tsilas, is a lawyer, graduate of Athens University Law School, and author of legal studies. They have two children, Nicos Tsilas, and Vicky Tsilas, both Attorneys at Law.

Ambassador Tsilas holds a Degree in Law, as well as a Degree in Economics, from the University of Athens and a Master's Degree in Political Science from the State University of Louisiana, New Orleans.

From 1963-1965, he served as an Attorney at Law in Athens, Greece. In 1965, he entered the Greek Foreign Ministry, and served in Athens until 1968 in the Department of Balkan States. From 1968-1972, he was First Secretary in the Embassy of Greece in Bucharest, Romania.

Between 1972-1975 he served as Consul of Greece in New Orleans, Louisiana. From 1975 he served as Counselor of the Greek Embassy in Washington, D.C. until 1979.

From 1979 until 1980, he served as Deputy Director of the Department of NATO and European Security Affairs in the Greek Foreign Ministry in Athens, and in 1980, he became Deputy Director of the Diplomatic Office of the Foreign Minister.

From 1981, he served as Consul General of Greece in Paris, until 1987, when he became Ambassador of Greece to South Africa. At the same time, he was accredited to Malawi, Swaziland and Lesotho.

Mr. Tsilas returned to Athens in 1990, where he served as Director of the Department of NATO, WEU and European Security Affairs in the Foreign Ministry.

From 1991 -1993, he was Director of the Diplomatic Office of the Prime Minister of Greece.

From 1993 until 1998 he served in Washington as Ambassador of Greece to the United States of America and Ambassador of Greece to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

From July 1998 until August 2000, Mr. Tsilas served as Permanent Representative of Greece to the European Union in Brussels.

Mr. Tsilas carried out many diplomatic missions abroad. He is the author of several studies, among which a major thesis on the Balkans.

He was elected as President of the Greek Diplomats' Association for the period 1990-1991. Ambassador Tsilas is fluent in English, French, he speaks Romanian and has received many foreign decorations and the highest Greek decoration.

In 1997, he was one of the five members of the Committee which organized the successful Bid for the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games.

Since August 2000, Ambassador Loucas Tsilas is the Executive Director of the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (USA).