# Ambassador
# Christian Strohal



## Curriculum Vitae

Born 1 May, 1951, in Vienna.

Schools in Vienna, voluntary military service, studies of law, economics and international relations in Vienna, London and Geneva, Dr. iuris (Vienna 1975). Married, 3 children.

Since 1976 a diplomat in the Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, postings to London, Geneva, and Rabat, member of the Austrian delegations to the Madrid and Vienna CSCE follow-up meetings. 1985-1988: Head of Human Rights Office, Department of the Legal Adviser. 1988-1992: Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative at the Austrian Mission to the UN and the international organisations in Geneva.

**1992-1993**: Ambassador and Special Representative for the World Conference on Human Rights.

**1994-2000**: Director for Human Rights, International Humanitarian Law, and Minority and Gender Issues at the Ministry. Austrian Representative to the UN Commission on Human Rights, to the UN general assembly, to the EU working group on human rights.

**1990-1992**: Chair of the Western Human Rights Group, Geneva

**1997-1998**: Vice-Chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights

**1997-1998**: Chair of Council of Europe Working Group for the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

**2000-2003**: Austrian Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Lecturer at the Diplomatic and Administrative Academies, Vienna, and at the EU Masters Programme for Democracy and Human Rights. Several publications on international human rights issues.