



THEMISTOKLIS DEMIRIS
Director General of EYP

He was born in Athens.

He studied Political Sciences at the University of Panteion (1971 – 1975) and has a Master in Middle Eastern Politics from the Institute of Mediterranean and Arabic Studies (1976 – 1977) of the said University.

In 1978 – 1981, he worked as a journalist (freelancer) in the review "Politika Themata" ("Political Issues") and as Editor in Chief in the journals "Computer Age", "Plant", "Equip", "Agricultural Fortune" (1978 – 1981).

In 1981 he joined the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was sworn in as Attaché in 1982.

He served as Attaché and Third Secretary in the Cryptographic Service and the Directorate of Middle East and Africa until 1984.

In 1985 he was posted to the Greek Embassy in Bagdad.

In 1989 he was transferred to the Permanent Delegation of Greece to UNESCO.

In 1992 he returned in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens, where he served in the Directorate for Turkey and Cyprus, and, in 1994, became Head of the Cyprus Department.

After 1996 he served in the Embassy of Greece in Cyprus as First Counselor and Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM / Chargé d' Affairs a.i.).

In 2001 he was transferred to the Permanent Representation of Greece to the European Union, serving, consecutively, as representative of the Working Group for the Western Balkans and head of the External Relations Department of the Representation.

In 2006 he returned in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens, where he headed the Directorate of EU External Relations and was promoted to Minister Plenipotentiary Second Class.

In September 2008 he was posted to Brussels as Permanent Representative to the Western Union and as EU Ambassador Representative of Greece to the Political and Security Committee.

In 2013 he was appointed Ambassador of Greece in Italy and San Marino and Permanent Representative to the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and the other International Organizations based in Rome.

In 2014 he was promoted to Minister Plenipotentiary First Class.

In May 2017 he returned in Athens where he headed the Directorate of International Economic Organizations until 1 January 2018.

In August 2019 he was appointed Secretary General to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a position which he held until August 2022, when he was appointed Director General of the National Intelligence Service (EYP).

He has been decorated by the Presidents of Egypt, Cyprus, Italy and the Hellenic Republic.

He speaks and writes Greek, English, French and Italian.

He is married and has two sons.