

**Victoria Popescu (Romania)**

**Place and date of birth**

Bucharest, Romania

23 August 1951

**Working languages**

English, French

**Current position/functions**

September 2004-present: Ambassador of Romania to the Kingdom of Sweden.

1999-present: Member of the Romanian inter-ministerial consultative commission on equal opportunities for women and men.

**Main professional activities**

Interpreter; French and English teacher. 1990-present: Diplomat specializing in human rights and world affairs. 1994-1999: First Secretary and Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations. 1999-2000: Deputy director for human rights and the Council of Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 2000-2004: Director and Director General for the United Nations and world affairs, Ambassador of Romania to the Kingdom of Sweden.

Participation in world conferences: Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 2005.

2002 International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico.

Conferences on human rights and gender equality under the auspices of the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Council of Europe and Organization of la Francophonie.

Participated in the drafting and presentation of national reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Human Rights Council.

**Educational background**

Department of Foreign Languages (French/English section), University of Bucharest, 1971-1976.

Postgraduate studies: proficiency course in English, Oxford, 1991; international relations (Romania, 1993-1994; Netherlands, 1994).

**Other activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

International positions: member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (2003-2006); Vice-Chairperson of the Committee (2003-2004); Chairperson of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) (1998-2000); Rapporteur and Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee of the General Assembly (1996-1997, 1998-

1999); alternate member of the United Nations Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (2000-2006).

Facilitator of United Nations resolutions on the advancement of women and facilitator of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1997-1999).

Resource person on the Convention at expert meetings (Bratislava, 2005; Bangkok, 2006).

Panel member on "Power and Gender", Council of Europe Forum for the Future of Democracy (Stockholm, June 2007).

**Most recent publications in the field**

Articles and studies on gender equality and human rights.

Speeches and presentations on human rights and gender equality at international conferences.

Presentations on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women for NGOs and women's associations in Romania and Sweden.