

Tarja Fernández

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Ms. Tarja Fernández has served as Ambassador of Finland in Ukraine since September 2024. She entered the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in 1994. She served as the Ambassador of Finland to Lebanon (resident), Jordan and as Chargé d’Affaires to Syria 2018-2022. Before that, she served as Ambassador of Finland to Kenya (resident), Somalia, Eritrea, Seychelles, Uganda and as Permanent Representative to the UN in Nairobi (UNON) 2015-2018. She has previously worked at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs as the Director of the Unit for European Common Foreign and Security Policy 2011-2015, as well as Ambassador for Cyber Affairs 2022-2024. She has served in various other positions in the Ministry and abroad in Tel Aviv, Stockholm, UN New York and Pristina.

Ambassador Fernández has extensive experience in multilateral forums, security policy and development policy. She has focused on war devastated/post-conflict countries, peace processes, 1325-agenda, crises management and nation building. She is a member of the Nordic Women Mediators Network.

Ambassador Fernández holds a Master’s degree on International Politics. She has one daughter.

