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Mr. **Erik af Hällström** is the Consul General at the Consulate General of Finland in Mumbai since January 1, 2023. He has previously served as Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy in New Delhi, as Minister Counsellor at the Embassy in the Hague, as Human Rights Expert and First Secretary at the Permanent Representation in Geneva and as Second Secretary at the Embassy in Brasília. At the Foreign Ministry he has, inter alia, served as Director of the Unit for United Nations and Global Affairs, as a team leader for Pan-African issues and as Chair of the EU Working Party on Conventional Arms Export. He has also been the President of the Union for Foreign Ministry servants (UHVY) and member of the selection committee for diplomatic recruitments.

Mr. af Hällström graduated from Åbo Akademi University with a Master's in International Relations in 1989. He joined the diplomatic service in 1996. Before becoming a diplomat, Mr. af Hällström worked as a radio and TV journalist at YLE. He is bilingual (Finnish/Swedish) and fluent in English, German and French. His military rank is staff sergeant (ylikersantti). Mr af Hällström is married and he has five adult children as well as two grandchildren. In his free time he is an enthusiastic sportsman.

