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Mrs Suvanto is the Director General for Legal Affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland since October 2018.

As Director General Mrs Suvanto leads the Legal Service, covering the spheres of Public International Law, EU and Treaty Law, EU Litigation and human rights courts and conventions.

Prior to her current position Mrs Suvanto has served at the Ministry as Director of the EU and Treaty Law Unit (2009-2018), as Legal Counsellor and Legal Officer since 2001 as well as in other legal positions in different Ministries/in the Council of State since 1993. Mrs Suvanto has extensive experience in international law, EU law, the preparation and implementation of international treaties and legislative drafting.

As a lawyer trained on the bench Mrs Suvanto holds a Master of Laws from Helsinki University in public international law as well as a Master of Laws in general civil law from the University of Lapland.

Mrs Suvanto is a member of the International Law Association, Finnish Branch, of the Finnish National Group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration as well as of the Advisory Board for the Selection of Judges and Members to International Courts and to the Court of the European Union.

Mrs Suvanto is married and has two adult children. In her free time, unless immersed in gardening, she relaxes by skiing, rollerblading, running or ice swimming.

