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Former Permanent Representative of the Republic of Serbia to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva

Born on 2 August 1950 in Belgrade, Serbia, Ambassador Zvekic holds a law degree (LL.B), MA and PhD in sociology/law. He was a country representative in the UN-sponsored World Youth Forum (USA, 1969) and Fulbright Scholar (1973-75).

Main career positions:

- Scientific Counsellor, Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research; Honorary Professor, University of Hull, UK; External Ph.D Examiner, University of Cape Town, South Africa; standing Visiting Professor University of Belgrade
- Deputy Director/ OIC, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), Rome, Italy
- Deputy Representative/ OIC, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Regional Office for Southern Africa, Pretoria, South Africa
- Chief, Strategic Planning Unit, UNODC, Vienna, Austria
- Member of the UN High-level Programme Coordination Committee
- Member of the Foundation Councils of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)
- Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Serbia to the UN in Geneva
- Consultant, UNODC/UNITAR/ISICS/IP

Main positions held in Geneva International:

- the Chair of the Commission and the Executive Committee/ Bureau of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), 2011 – 2013
- the President of the General Assemblies of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) , 2011 – 2013

Main topical areas:

- International crime, criminal justice and security reform
- Geopolitics and political tension management
- Strategic planning, results-based programme management

He has published extensively on crime and development, and reform of criminal justice system. He managed and carried out research, policy-advice, training and capacity-building as well as teaching in many academic institutions worldwide. He has a vast experience in multilateral diplomacy.