

Alexander George Rondos – Curriculum Vitae

European Union Special Representative for the Horn of Africa (Jan 2012 – June 2021).

Mandated by European Council to enhance coherence, quality, impact and visibility of EU action in the Horn of Africa and to contribute to stabilising the region in the wider strategic environment.

Consultancy (2004 - 2011)

Consulting with private sector, served on International Commission for the Balkans and assisted in mediation initiatives.

Government of Hellenic Republic (1998 – 2004)

Adviser to Foreign Minister and subsequently Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic. Special missions and mediation in South-Eastern Europe and Middle East. Established department for Development Cooperation to meet DAC requirements. Personal Representative of Chairman in Office of OSCE (2001) for relations between OSCE and Stability Pact. Appointed in 2001 as Chairman of Working Table 1 of Stability Pact.

World Bank (1996 – 1998)

Specialist on social and civil society issues advising on social impact of Bank investments, relations with non-governmental organisations. Helped World Bank President Wolfensohn formulate special initiative between World Bank and religious faiths.

International Orthodox Christian Charities (1992 – 1996)

Founding Chief Executive of the first relief and development organisation of the Christian Orthodox churches in the USA. Developed and established programmes in former Yugoslavia, Russian Federation, Georgia, Lebanon, West Bank and Gaza. Focus on inter-religious cooperation and reconciliation.

Catholic Relief Services (1985 – 1992)

Seconded to Ethiopia in 1985 to negotiate special initiative deliver humanitarian assistance during famine across lines from Ethiopia into Eritrean held territory. Served as Director for Middle East operations , based in Egypt, from 1996 -1990 and served as liaison with a Vatican on Middle East issues. Director for Government relations (Congress and Executive) between 1990 -1992. Led the first relief assessment mission into the Russian Far East in winter 1992.

Centre for Development Policy, Washington DC, 1982 – 1984

Created a commission of activists to bring attention in the US – especially US Congress - to the mounting humanitarian disaster in Africa. Provided testimony to Congress, briefed media and coordinated advocacy among public interest groups.

West Africa Magazine (1977 – 1982)

Reporting, editorial writing and book reviews focused on West Africa. Also contributed to newspapers, journals and radio reporting.

Education

Oxford University (Brasenose College) BA in History and Modern Languages (1973 – 1977)

Haileybury College, UK (1967 – 1972)

Pembroke House, Gilgil, Kenya (1962-1967)

Personal:

DoB: 10 April, 1954 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Nationality: Hellenic