

Curriculum vitae

Gilberto Coutinho Paranhos Velloso

Career diplomat (Ambassador) in the Brazilian Foreign Service

Born 7 August 1940 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Married with three children.

Education

Law degree, Law School of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (known then as University of Brazil), 1963

Graduated first in class from the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy (“Instituto Rio Branco”) in 1962; entered the Brazilian Foreign Service as Third Secretary

Languages

English, Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese (native)

Career in the Brazilian Foreign Service

Second Secretary (seniority), November 1966

First Secretary (merit), January 1973

Counsellor (merit), January 1975

Minister Second Class (merit), April 1978

Minister First Class, Ambassador (merit), December 1984

Honoured with several decorations, both Brazilian and from other countries

Posts and service abroad

London, Brazilian Embassy, 1965-1968

Mexico, Brazilian Embassy, 1969-1970

New York, Brazilian Mission to the United Nations, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations, 1979-1984

Served briefly as a consultant under contract in the United Nations Secretariat in the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation (December 1984-March 1985)

Ambassador of Brazil to the Holy See, 1990-1995

Ambassador of Brazil to Chile, 1995-1999

Head of the Brazilian Financial Office in New York, 2002 to present

Elected on 18 June 2004 by the General Assembly to complete the mandate (expiring on 31 December 2005) of Ambassador João Augusto de Médicis (deceased) as a member of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC)

Summary of main assignments

Adviser to the Minister of External Relations of Brazil, 1963, and to the Secretary-General for Foreign Policy (Deputy Foreign Minister), 1963-1965

Delegate to several meetings of international economic organizations headquartered in London on commodities (coffee, sugar, cocoa, wheat, rubber, hard fibers), while posted to the Embassy of Brazil to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Head of the trade promotion sector while posted to the Brazilian Embassy in Mexico

After returning to Brasilia in early 1971, to the Headquarters of "Itamaraty", as the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations is known, became the Senior Adviser to the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs/Head of the Economic Department, 1971-1974

Called to the staff of the Minister of External Relations of Brazil, became in succession Adviser, then Deputy Head and then Chef de Cabinet, 1974-1979, of the Foreign Minister

In those positions, took part in several meetings at home and abroad and in several official visits abroad of the Foreign Minister and several Presidential visits abroad

As Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations (1979-1985), participated in numerous meetings of different bodies of the Organization, in particular of its economic and social sectors, including all sessions of the General Assembly, in this case from 1974 to 1989, and all sessions of the Economic and Social Council from 1979 to 1985 and their subsidiary bodies

Returned to Brazil in March 1985 to assume the position of Secretary for International Economic and Technical Cooperation of the Secretariat of Planning (Ministry) of the Presidency of the Republic (March-June 1985)

Called back to the Ministry of External Relations and was appointed Head (Director) of the Department of the Americas (1985-1988), and thereafter, for the second time, Chef de Cabinet of the Minister of External Relations of Brazil (1988-1990)

Returning to the Ministry of External Relations Headquarters in June 1999, after tenures as Ambassador of Brazil to the Holy See and to Chile, was appointed Under-Secretary-General of the Foreign Service (1999-2002), a position which translates as the overall Head of all administrative services (personnel, administration, communications, budget, administrative planning and modernization) of the Brazilian Foreign Ministry. During this last period in Brasilia (1999-2002), was appointed on several occasions Acting Foreign Minister of Brazil.