

Aldo Mantovani (Italy)

Throughout his career, Ambassador Mantovani has accrued expertise in a broad array of fields, including organization and resource management, in addition to his background in international relations. As the head of the Department of Management at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for one budget cycle, he was responsible for the management of all the properties (owned and rented), including the allocation of resources needed for maintenance, of the approximately 240 Italian embassies and consulates and 80 National Cultural Institutes in the world.

Subsequently, he served for three years at the Human Resources Department, where he was in charge of proposing, managing and supervising the movements of 900 diplomats and 2,500 employees. In addition, he was in charge of negotiating, managing and supervising the contracts of 2,500 locally hired staff, with all the implications related to the potential conflicts arising from the differences between the Italian law and the local legislations. In his capacity, he was also in charge of negotiating with the Trade Unions all the matters concerning the implementation of his responsibilities (from the general framework to the most specific situations).

In his capacity as Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations, Ambassador Mantovani was in charge of organizing and coordinating the Mission's multiple activities for five and a half years, overseeing the work of the diplomatic staff (which grew from an initial 15 to 25 in the period of Italy's term on the Security Council). During this period, he took part, inter alia, in the biennial United Nations budget negotiations and in the process leading up to the adoption of the Millennium Declaration. On the Security Council he was one of the two official Italian representatives, in which role he expressed the positions and promoted the interests of Italy on all the major critical issues unfolding on the international stage.

Details of career

- Born in Florence, December 1945, Ambassador Aldo Mantovani received his degree in Political Science, with honors, from the University of Genoa.
- After his mandatory service in the Army, he won a one-year fellowship from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to specialize in International Relations at the Johns Hopkins University Center in Bologna.
- After entering the diplomat career, he served in the General Secretariat of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Italian Embassy in Paris, the Consulate General in Jeddah, the Italian Embassy in Washington DC (as Head of the Economic Section), and the Italian Embassy in Bern as Deputy Ambassador.
- At the Ministry in Rome, he was Head of the Department for Management of Assets Worldwide. After his promotion to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary, he became Head of the Department for Diplomatic and Administrative Staff Mobility.
- In 2003 he was posted to New York as Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations with the title and rank of Ambassador.
- In 2009, he was appointed Ambassador of Italy to Poland, where he served for three years, receiving the Commander's Cross of Merit of the Polish Republic from President Komorowski.
- In December 2011, he returned to the Ministry in Rome and was assigned to the General Secretariat. Ambassador Mantovani has recently retired.

- In November 2013, he was elected by the General Assembly as a member of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on the 1st of January 2014.

He is fluent in English and French and has a rudimentary knowledge of German, Spanish and Polish.