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**Ambassador Oscar R. de Rojas**

Ambassador Oscar de Rojas served as Permanent Observer of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the United Nations from 2015 to 2019. He had a 40-year-long career in global affairs, many of which he served in the Venezuelan Civil and Foreign Services, first working on national development projects and moving on to hold senior-level posts in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Caracas and in various diplomatic outposts. These posts included France, Switzerland, and the Venezuelan permanent missions to the United Nations. Among other positions, he was Deputy Ambassador of Venezuela to the UN, in both Geneva and New York.

In 1999 Ambassador de Rojas joined the United Nations and worked for ten years as Director of the Financing for Development Office in the UN's Department of Economic and Social Affairs. In 2009 Mr. de Rojas went to academia, taking the position of Director of Global Partnerships at Long Island University in Brookville, New York, where he concurrently taught courses in Development Economics and International and Latin American Studies.

Ambassador de Rojas has a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and Master's degrees in Economics and International Affairs from Columbia University. He has received awards and distinctions from several entities, including the United States, France, Brazil, Chile, the OAS, St. John's University, and the Sacred Constantinian Order of St. George.

In addition to his membership in the Sovereign Order of Malta, as a Knight of Grace and Devotion in Obedience, he is engaged in various other development and human-rights organizations. In 2000 Pope St. John Paul II awarded him the Grand Cross of the Order of St.



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Gregory the Great, and in 2003, appointed him as an Advisor to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

Mr. de Rojas, who now lives in Florida, was born in Cuba and grew up in Venezuela, before settling in the United States. He is fluent in English, Spanish and French.