

## ALEXANDRA BUGAILISKIS

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### **Assistant Deputy Minister for Europe, the Middle East and the Maghreb and Chief Negotiator of the Canada-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement, Global Affairs Canada**

Alexandra Bugailiskis was Canada's Ambassador to the Republic of Poland until October 2015. During that time, she continued in her capacity as the Chief Negotiator for the Canada-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement.

In 2007, Ms. Bugailiskis was appointed as Executive Coordinator for the Americas Strategy and served as Assistant Deputy Minister for Latin America and the Caribbean at DFAIT from 2007-2010. She served as Canada's Ambassador to the Republic of Cuba (2003-2007) and Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, and High Commissioner to Cyprus (1997-2000).

During her 30 year career at Foreign Affairs Ms. Bugailiskis has served as Director General for Latin America and as Director for Central America and Caribbean Affairs. She also worked in the UN division during Canada's 1989-1990 Security Council tenure. She has had postings to Guatemala and El Salvador and to Ghana, Togo, Benin and Liberia.

Ms. Bugailiskis received a Commendation from the Clerk of the Privy Council for her work on Haiti (2010), a Merit Award from the Foreign Minister for her contribution to the Summit of the Americas (2001) and was the first recipient of the Canadian Foreign Service Officer of the Year Award (1990) for her work on Namibian independence.

In 2010-2011, Ms. Bugailiskis was concurrently the DFAIT Executive Coordinator for the Inter-American Development Bank Task Force for the 2010 IDB Annual Meeting hosted by Calgary, Alberta and a Senior Distinguished Fellow at the Norman Paterson School for International Affairs (NPSIA). During her tenure at NPSIA she co-edited the 2012 Canada Among Nations edition - *Canada and Mexico's Unfinished Agenda*.

Ms. Bugailiskis has an MA from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, at Carleton University. She is married to Lt. Col. Alexander Fieglar (Rtd) and has two children.