

MR. LOUIS MARIE DE GUIRINGAUD

MINISTER

OF

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Mr. de Guiringaud was France's Permanent Representative on the Security Council and Head of France's Permanent Mission at the United Nations until his appointment in August 1976.

He was born in Paris on October 12, 1911. After majoring in Letters and from l'Ecole libre des Sciences Politiques, he joined the French Foreign Service in 1938. He fled France during the Occupation and was revoked by the Vichy government in 1943. He returned to the Quai d'Orsay in 1945 from Algeria and after having taken part in the France and Italy campaigns.

He served in London, in Germany from 1949 to 1952, in San Francisco from 1952 to 1955. He was Deputy-Delegate on the Security Council in 1956 and 1957. He served as Ambassador in Accra from 1957 until 1960 when he became Director of Moroccan and Tunisian affairs at the Quai. He became Minister Delegate in Algiers in 1968, Inspector General of Consular and Diplomatic mission in 1963 until 1966.

He was Ambassador in Tokyo from 1966 until 1972.

President Giscard d'Estaing, in January 1975, gave him the responsibility for setting-up the North-South Conference, proposed by France in the aftermath of the energy crisis.