
JEAN-BERNARD RAIMOND

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Mr. Raimond was born in Paris on February 6, 1926. A career diplomat, he was educated at the École supérieure and the École nationale d'administration in Paris.

During the 1950s and 1960s, he held a variety of positions within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in France. Assistant Director in the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1967 to 1968, he was subsequently appointed to the position of Technical Adviser in the Office of the Prime Minister, where he remained until 1969.

Following his election as President of the French Republic in June 1969, Georges Pompidou asked Mr. Raimond to join the Secretariat of the Office of the President of the Republic, where he acted as Chargé de mission, then Technical Adviser.

In 1973, Mr. Raimond was named Ambassador to Rabat. After serving as Director of the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1978 and 1979, he became Director General of Technical, Scientific and Cultural Relations. He remained in this position until 1982, when he was appointed Ambassador to Warsaw. From the Polish capital, he went directly to Moscow, where he was named Ambassador in January 1985.

On March 20, 1986, at the request of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, he became Minister of Foreign Affairs.

