

Minister of Foreign Affairs Andrey Kozyrev

Andrey Vladimirovich Kozyrev was born on March 27, 1951. He received a post-graduate degree in history from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations in 1974.

Mr. Kozyrev began his diplomatic career that year in the Soviet Foreign Ministry's International Organizations Department. He became deputy chief in 1986 and chief in 1989. He was a regular participant in meetings of the United Nations General Assembly and in UN-sponsored conferences on disarmament and security issues. He advocated a less politicized UN and was critical of the Soviet Union's hostility towards the West.

In October 1990, Mr. Kozyrev was named minister of foreign affairs of the Russian Federation.

Andrey Kozyrev and his wife Irina have one daughter.