MR. BORYS TARASYUK - Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

(curriculum vitae)

Born on 1 January 1949 in Ukraine.

On 1975 graduated from the Kyiv Taras Schevchenko University, faculty of international relations and international law.



Professional activity:

1975 - 1987

Served on the Kyiv-based staff of the Foreign Ministry and at the Ukraine's Mission to the United Nations

1990 - 1991

Counsellor, deputy Chief Counsellor of the Foreign Ministry

1991 - 1992

Director of the Private Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, MFA Political Director

1992 - 1995

Director of the Private Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, MFA Political Director

1993 - 1995

Chairman of the State Inter-Agency Commission for Ukraine's accession to the Council of Europe

1994 - 1995

first deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

1995 - 1998

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Kingdom of Belgium, Kingdom of the Netherlands and Great Duchy of Luxembourg

1995-1998

Representative of Ukraine to the Western European Union (WEU)

1997-1998

Head of Mission of Ukraine to NATO

1998 - 2000

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine,

Member of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine

2002-2005

Member of Parliament elected on the list of "Our Ukraine" political bloc of parties

4 February 2005

Appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine by the Decree of the President of Ukraine Viktor Yuschenko

4 August 2006

Appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine by the Decree of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine

Public Engagements:

1993 Member of the Ukrainian-American Consultative Committee, Member of the East-West Institute Board of Directors

2000 Founder and Director of the Institute for Euro-Atlantic Co-operation, Member of the National Council for adaptation of the Ukrainian legislation to the EU legislation

Since 2003 Chairman of the political party "The People's Movement (Rukh) of Ukraine"

Academic Degrees and Awards:

2005 State Order "For Merits", I Grade

2002 Doctor Honoris Causa of the Ivan Franko Lviv National University

1999 State Order "For Merits", II Grade

1996 State Order "For Merits", III Grade

1992 Diplomatic Rank of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Borys Tarasyuk has been decorated with highest state awards of Argentina, Brazil, France, Lithuania, Portugal, Sweden and Venezuela.

Foreign languages: Fluent in English, French and Russian.

Married, has two daughters, a son and two grandchildren.