



Ambassador Päivi Kaukoranta

Päivi Kaukoranta (born in 1963) currently works as Director of the National Security Authority (NSA) of Finland at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. She served in 2018-2022 as Ambassador of Finland to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Permanent Representative of Finland to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). She represented Finland also in the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and other international institutions in The Hague.

She was part of the Finnish delegation to the Ad hoc Committee and to the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court in 1995-1998. She has been head or deputy head of the Finnish delegation to the ASP in 2009-2021 (excluding 2010) and to the Kampala Review Conference in 2010. In 2020-21, she served as facilitator of The Hague Working Group on the review of the work and the operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism.

Ambassador Kaukoranta served as Director General for Legal Affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 2009-2018. She joined the Foreign Service of Finland in 1989 and has since then worked extensively in the field of international and European law, including as Director of the Unit for EU and Treaty Law in 2000-2005 and 2007-2009. She has also served as legal counsellor in the Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union in Brussels in 1998-2000 and in the Government Secretariat for EU Affairs in 2005-2007.

She served as chair of the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI) of the Council of Europe in 2017-2018, and vice chair of CAHDI in 2015-2016. She acted as agent of Finland before the International Court of Justice in 2009 and as the National Focal Point for the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) in 2013-2014. She was Member of the Finnish National Group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in 2009-2018 and Member of the Finnish Advisory Board for the Selection of Judges and Members to International Courts and to the Court of Justice of the European Union in 2011-2018.

She has a Master's degree in law from the University of Helsinki and is trained on the bench. She has published articles in International and European Law. In addition to her mother tongue Finnish, her language skills include Swedish, English (fluent), French, German (intermediate) and Dutch (basic).