

Francesc Vendrell

EU Special Representative for Afghanistan

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: Barcelona, 15 June 1940

NATIONALITY: Spanish

EDUCATION

M.A. (Cantab.), LL.B (London), Lic. Dr. (Barcelona)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January – June 2002

Special Adviser to the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs during Spain's EU Presidency

January 2000 – December 2001

Personal Representative of the Secretary General for Afghanistan and Head of the United Nations Special Mission to Afghanistan (UNSMA)

August 1993 – January 2000

Director, Asia and the Pacific Division, UN Department of Political Affairs

Concurrently undertook the following specific assignments:

1993 – October 1999

Senior Adviser to, and subsequently Deputy Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for East Timor (leading to self-determination referendum on 30 August 1999)

1997 – 1998

Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Cambodia (set up Special Mission to Monitor the Safe Return and Full Resumption of Political Activities of political leaders who had left Cambodia in the aftermath of the July 1997 events)

1994 – 1998

Secretary-general's Special Envoy for Papua New Guinea (established UN Political Office in Bougainville)

1993 – 1999

Adviser to the Secretary-General on his good offices in Myanmar (Burma) (responsible for starting S-G's good offices role)

December 1992 – July 1993

Senior Political Adviser to the UN Special Envoy for Haiti (instrumental in the establishment of the UN Human Rights Field Mission in Haiti (MIVIVIH))

May – November 1992

Director for Special Political Assignments

During this period, served as the Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Armenia, Azerbaijan on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict

1987 – 1992

Director for Europe and the Americas, Office of the Secretary-General

1989 – 1992 (concurrently with above)

SG's Deputy Personal Representative for the Peace Process in Central America

Concurrently undertook the following assignments:

1990 – 1992

Secretary-General's Representative in the Guatemala peace negotiations (negotiated draft human rights agreement that led to the establishment of MINUGUA)

1988 – 1991

Secretary-General's Deputy Representative in the El Salvador peace process (including San Jose Agreement establishing first Human Rights field mission, ONUSAL and subsequent agreement on first ever UN Truth Commission)

1987 – 1990

Deputy Representative of the Secretary-General in the Nicaragua peace negotiations (establishment of first UN Electoral Observation mission in an independent country)

1989 – 1991 Envoy of the Secretary-General to Cuba on human rights related issues

1975 – 1986 Political and Senior Political Affairs Officer, UN Department of Political Affairs and Decolonization; Deputy Secretary of the UN Council for Namibia

1973 – 1975

Human Rights Officer, UN Division of Human Rights (Desk officer on the Human Rights situation in Chile)

1968 – 1972

Officer-in-Charge, UN/UNITAR Programme in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

1979

Director of Studies, Hague Academy of International Law

1977 & 1979

Adjunct Professor of Human Rights, Yale Law School

1972-74

Adjunct Professor, Rutgers Law School

1967

Lecturer in Constitutional Law, University of Papua New Guinea