

## AMBASSADOR FERNANDO ADOLFO ALZATE DONOSO

Mr Alzate is an Ambassador of the Colombian Diplomatic Service. He graduated in law from "*Universidad Nacional*", Bogotá, and is an expert in international law.

**Date of birth:** 31 May 1955  
**Marital status:** Married, with two children  
**Languages:** English, Italian, Spanish

### Diplomatic career:

2011- 2012: Deputy Permanent Representative of Colombia to the UN Security Council.

2010- 2012: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Alternate Representative of the Colombian Mission to United Nations, New York.

2009 - 2010: Deputy Head of Mission of the Colombian Embassy, London

2008 – 2009: Director General Consular Affairs and Colombians Abroad, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2006 – 2008: Ambassador of Colombia to Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark and Iceland

2003 – 2006: Chargé d'Affaires a.i., of Colombia to Norway, (Oslo)

2002 – 2003: General Secretary, Permanent Commission for the South Pacific, CPPS (an international organisation composed of Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia)

2001 – 2002: Director General San Carlos Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2000 – 2001: Director General Special Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1997 – 2000: Colombian General Consul, Milan, Italy

1996 – 1997: Director General, Americas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1994 – 1996: Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Colombia, Mexico

- 1994: Acting Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 1992 – 1993: Director General of National Borders, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1989 – 1991: Counsellor and Adviser on Security Council Matters, Colombian Mission to the United Nations, New York.
- 1990 - 1979: Counsellor, First Secretary, Second Secretary and other previous duties, Bogotá.
- October 1979: Appointed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Throughout thirty three years of diplomatic service, as a member or chairman of several delegations, Ambassador Alzate has attended an important number of international meetings and conferences on a variety of subjects including human rights, environment and development, international cooperation, bilateral and multilateral issues, law of the sea, and migrations, amongst others:

- Invited speaker "Hitting the Ground Running". "State of the UN Security Council 2011: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead". Ninth Annual Workshop for Newly-elected Members of the Security Council, 17 and 18 November 2011, New York Arrowwood Conference Center.

- Keynote speaker on "Best Practices in Travel documents", November 2008.

- Colombian Head of Delegation to VIII South American Conference on Migrations, Montevideo, Uruguay, September 2008.

- Invited speaker to International seminar OIM, Geneva, Switzerland, June 2008.

- Member of the Colombian Delegation to Dialogue of Civilizations NAM Meeting, Iran, Teheran, July 2007.

- 50th Anniversary of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific region (Ministerial meeting) as it's Secretary General (Chile, Ecuador, Peru y Colombia). Santiago de Chile, 2003.

- Colombian Head of Delegation to the Preparatory meeting for the World Summit against Racial Discrimination, Santiago de Chile, December 2000

- Colombian Head of Delegation in the Audience at the Inter-American Human Rights Court. San José de Costa Rica, November 2000.

-Member of the Colombian delegation at the meeting for Peace Dialogues, San José de Costa Rica, October 2000.

-Alternate Ambassador to the Audience of Inter-American Human Rights Commission, Washington, October 2000.

-Keynote speaker "Querida Colombia", Luino, Italia, February 2000.

-Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the occasion her visits to Cuba, Honduras, Argentina, Uruguay, Nicaragua, México, Jamaica, 1996-1997.

-Member of the Colombian Delegation to G3 meeting, Jiutepec, Morelos, México, 1995.

-Alternate Negotiator in the Conference for the establishment of the Caribbean States Association. México D.F. 1994.

-Head of the Colombian Delegation to the Amazon's Joint and technical Cooperation Commission- Peru and Brazil, (Santafé de Bogotá, Iquitos y Brasilia, 1993-1994).

-Head of the Colombian Delegation for the boundaries' Demarcation with Peru, Brazil, and Ecuador, (Brasilia, Santafé de Bogotá, 1993, 1994)

-Head of Delegation to the eighth, ninth and tenth milestones demarcation meetings with Venezuela. Caracas- Santafé de Bogotá, 1993-1994.

-Member of the Colombian Delegation to the Rio Conference on Environment and Development, Río de Janeiro, June 1992.

-Member of the Colombian negotiator team to the Climate Change, and Biodiversity Conventions, Geneva, Madrid, Nairobi, New York, Rio de Janeiro, 1991 y 1992.

-Forty-fifth Session of UN General Assembly, New York, 1990.

-Colombian Representative to the Technical Sub-Committee for Peaceful uses of outer Space; Representative to the Legal Sub-Committee for Peaceful uses of outer Space; VII Session of Preparatory meeting for the Sea bed and Law of the Sea Tribunal. New York, 1989

- UNCITRAL Commission; VI Session of Preparatory meeting for the Sea bed and Law of the Sea tribunal. New York, 1988

- Member of the Colombian delegation at the Plenipotentiary Meeting to adopt the East Pacific Tuna Organization Convention, México D.F. 1988.

-Member of the Colombian delegation to III CPPS Foreign Affairs Ministerial Meeting, Quito, 1987

- Member of the Colombian delegation to CPPS Intergovernmental Meeting for the Action Plan for the Protection of the Marine Environment, Bogotá, 1987.

- Member of the Colombian delegation to the III OLDEPESCA ministerial meeting, Lima, 1986

- Member of the Colombian delegation to the XVIII CPPS Ordinary meeting, Islas Galápagos, 1985

- Member of the Colombian delegation to the XV OAS General Assembly meeting. Cartagena, 1985

- Member of the Colombian delegation to the II CPPS Foreign Affairs ministerial meeting, Viña del Mar, 1984

- Member of the Colombian delegation to the Plenipotentiary meeting for the Action Plan for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caribbean Region against Pollution, Cartagena, 1983

-Member of the Colombian delegation to the I CPPS Foreign Affairs ministerial meeting, CPPS, Cali, 1981

### **Academic Career**

Ambassador Alzate has been professor and visiting lecturer at several universities, including "Jorge Tadeo Lozano", "El Rosario", "Javeriana", "Externado de Colombia", "Bolivariana de México", "Academia Diplomática del Perú", "Academia Diplomática de Colombia" and "Escuela de Administración Pública", amongst others.

### **Articles and books:**

-Estudios de Derecho Internacional: El Cambio Climático no es una Amenaza a la paz en tanto lo es a la seguridad humana. Editorial Thomson Reuters-Abeledo Perrot, 2012.

-¿Colombia puede ayudar a Afganistán? ("Orbis" review, 2010).

-La declaración de Zona Marítima un Instrumento para el Desarrollo (2002, CPPS review, Guayaquil)

-Historia de la Academia Diplomática de San Carlos, (Magazín Diplomático, Bogotá, 2001)

-Book: *Teoría y Práctica en las Naciones Unidas* (Editorial Temis, Bogotá, 1997)  
-*El Derecho del Mar* (CPPS review, 1981, Lima)

-Ambassador Alzate has been awarded the "orden de San Carlos" of the Republic of Colombia.

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