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**Armando Varricchio
Ambassador of Italy to the United States**

Armando Varricchio presented his credentials as ambassador of Italy to Washington on March 2, 2016, where he had previously served as head of the Economic, Trade, and Scientific Affairs Section from 2002 until 2006.

Prior to this, he held many high-ranking positions both in Rome and abroad. In particular, he specialized in European and transatlantic affairs during his years at the Italian representation to the European Union and at the Commission.

Formerly ambassador to Belgrade, he also served as a young diplomat in Budapest during the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact and the Soviet Union.

While chief diplomatic advisor to Presidents of the Council of Ministers Enrico Letta and Matteo Renzi, and deputy diplomatic advisor to the President of the Republic Giorgio Napolitano, he handled some of the most delicate international dossiers, with a particular focus on security issues. He has a specific expertise in the field of global issues, as he served as personal representative (“Sherpa”), at G7/8 and G20 summits both at a national and a European level.

Ambassador Varricchio graduated in International Relations from the University of Padua in 1985, entered the Foreign Service in 1986, and was promoted to the rank of Ambassador in 2014. Prior to embarking on a diplomatic career, he worked in the private sector as assistant to the director of the finance section of the textile company Marzotto Group.

He has been married to Micaela Barbagallo since 1987, and has two sons, Federico and Umberto. An avid reader, he enjoys cinematographic arts and various sports. Ambassador Varricchio has been bestowed with the highest Italian award, Knight of the Grand Cross, as well as with numerous honors from foreign countries.