

## Loucas Tsilas



Ambassador Loucas Tsilas is the former Executive Director of the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation USA (2000-2015). He holds degrees in law and economics from the University of Athens, and a master's in political

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He was an attorney in Athens, Greece (1963-1965), then entered the Greek Foreign Ministry (1965), serving in Athens until 1968 in the Department of Balkan States. His roles at home and abroad have included: Embassy of Greece in Bucharest (1968-1972); Consul in New Orleans, Louisiana (1972-1975); Political Counselor, Greek Embassy, Washington, D.C. (1975-1979); Deputy Director, Department of NATO and European Security Affairs, Greek Foreign Ministry (1979-1980); Deputy Director of the Diplomatic Office of the Foreign Minister (1980-1981); Consul General of Greece in Paris (1981-1987); Ambassador of Greece to South Africa (1987-1990); and Director of the Diplomatic Office of the Prime Minister of Greece (1991-1993).

From 1993-1998, Ambassador Tsilas was Ambassador of Greece to the U.S. and from 1998-2000, Ambassador-Permanent Representative of Greece to the European Union in Brussels. Notably, he was a part of the five-member committee which organized the successful bid for the Athens 2004 Olympics. From 2000 to 2015 Ambassador Tsilas served as Executive Director of the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation USA.