

## Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Vasilios Philippou

**DoB:** June 05, 1964

He is married to Anthea Vanech

He is currently the High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus to Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as Consul General of the Republic of Cyprus in New York

### Academic Qualifications

- BA in Economics and Social Administration, University of Montpellier France, 1989
- Diploma in Political Science, University of Montpellier France, 1989
- Master of International Politics (ULB), Free University of Brussels, Belgium, 1999
- PhD Honoris Causa from the Millennium International University Mexico, 2009
- Diploma ‘Honoris Causa’ (Academico de Numero) of the Mexican Academy of International Law, 2010
- Diploma ‘Honoris Causa’ (Academico de Numero) of the Mexican Academy of History and Geography, 2010
- Diploma of the National Legion of Mexico, 2011
- Master of Arts in International Relations (MAIR)–Alliant International University and University of California–USA, 2013

### Languages

- Greek – Excellent
- French – Excellent
- English – Excellent
- Spanish – Excellent

### Professional Experience

1989-1990

Intern/Stagiaire at the European Commission in the Directorate General, Information Communication-Culture, Brussels, Belgium

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Worked at the European Commission in the Directorate General, Information-Communication-Culture, Brussels, Belgium

### Foreign Service Appointments

1991

Joined the Foreign Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus in European Union Division at the Ministry, Nicosia, Cyprus

1994-1998

Consul of Cyprus in New York

1998-2000

First Secretary to the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Cyprus to the European Union, Brussels

2000-2003

Consul General of Cyprus in New York

2003-2004

Counsellor A' Division of Overseas Cypriots at the Foreign Ministry, Nicosia, Cyprus

2005-2007

Counsellor A' Division of Economic Affairs at the Foreign Ministry. Focal Point of UNESCO for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nicosia, Cyprus

2008-2009

Counsellor A' Division for Multilateral Affairs, International Organizations and Development at the Foreign Ministry, Nicosia, Cyprus

2009-2013

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cyprus in Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, and Ecuador

2013-January 2014

Head of the Department of Repatriated Cypriots at the Foreign Ministry, Nicosia, Cyprus

27 January 2014

Consul General of the Republic of Cyprus in New York

22 February 2016

High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus to Antigua and Barbuda

21 April 2016

High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus to St. Lucia

13 December 2016

High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

#### **Awards and Decorations:**

- Recognized by the United States Congress for his dedication to peace understanding among Nations and positive communication for Human Rights. (2001)
- Awarded with 'The International Good Scout Award' from the greater New York Councils of Boys Scouts of America. (2002)
- Honoured by the Cyprus Children's fund in recognition of his exemplary efforts, steadfast support and diligence to aid the needy Children of Cyprus and the Scholarship Foundations. (2002)
- Decorated with 'The Archdiocesan Gold Metal of St. Paul' by His Eminence Archbishop of America Demetrios (2003)
- Recipient of the keys of the cities of Taxco-Mexico (2010) and Puerto Vallarta-Mexico (2012)

- Decorated with the Order of Law, Culture and Peace from the Mexican Academy of International Law and with the Order of History and Geography from the Mexican Academy of History and Geography. (2012)
- Decorated with the Order of the National Legion of Honour of Mexico. (2011)
- Awarded with a Special Recognition for the Establishment of the First Centre of Cypriot Studies in Mexico at the University of Anáhuac from the Rector of the University of Anáhuac of Mexico (2011)
- Member of the Executive Board of the Directors of the National Mexican Wine Academy [Academico] (2014)
- Recipient of the Hellenism Hall of Fame Award by the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York (2015)
- Recognition of the United States Senate (2015) and the United States Congress (2017)
- Citation of Honor from Governor Mario Cuomo of New York and the Mayor of New York City, Bill De Blasio (2015)
- Honorary Fellow of the Foreign Policy Association, NYC (2017)

### **Military Service**

- Rank: Soldier, served in the National Guard of the Republic of Cyprus (07/15/1982 - 10/10/1984)

### **Hobbies**

- Golf, fishing, walking, hiking, bird watching, swimming, and collecting stamps