

Ambassador Schroembgens Takes Over From Ambassador Sonn as Senior Deputy High Representative

The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, today welcomes Ambassador Dr Gerhard Enver Schroembgens as the new Senior Deputy High Representative. Ambassador Schroembgens, a German diplomat, will take over from Ambassador Matthias Sonn.

The High Representative wishes to commend Ambassador Sonn for his extraordinary contribution to peace implementation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Ambassador Sonn invested a huge amount of personal effort in helping to establish viable State institutions for the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina, such as an efficient and professional civil service, a State Court, and a free and impartial public broadcasting system. His efforts also contributed to resolving disagreements over the reconstruction of national monuments.

Ambassador Schroembgens brings 30 years of diplomatic experience to his new post. For the last three years he has been the German Ambassador to Estonia. Before that his postings included Bangladesh, Spain, the Soviet Union, and the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. Ambassador Schroembgens served as the German Head of Mission in Belgrade between 1992 and 1996.

Curriculum Vitae

Dr Gerhard Enver Schrömbgens

*born November 24, 1944 in Baden-Baden
married*

<i>two children</i>	
1954-1963	School and High
School Kolleg St. Blasien	
1963	Graduation from
high school	
1964-1969	Studied
Jurisprudence and Russian language at Heidelberg University	
1969	1st state-exam
in Law	
1969-1973	Legal preparatory
service	
1973	2nd state-exam
in Law; entered German Diplomatic Service	
1974	Doctorate, LLD
1974-1977	Embassy in
Dhaka/Bangladesh	
1977-1981	Embassy in
Madrid/Spain	
1981-1984	Foreign Office
1985-1987	Embassy in Moscow
1987-1990	Foreign Office
1990-1992	Political department
of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg	
1992-1996	Head of Mission,
Embassy in Belgrade (after April 1, 1996, Ambassador)	
1996-1999	Foreign Office,
division director	

since August 23, 1999
Estonia

Ambassador to Tallinn,

since July 15, 2002
Representative, Sarajevo/Bosnia (Sen. Deputy)

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