

## **Dionyssios Kodellas**

Graduate of the Law and Political Sciences Faculty of the Athens University, Ambassador Kodellas joined the Greek Foreign Service in 1974. His almost forty year long diplomatic career, brought him to a large number of countries ranging from the Middle East, Europe, Africa and the Latin America.

Apart from the experience acquired serving in sensitive posts of the above mentioned continents, often during turbulent times, Ambassador Kodellas was as well actively involved in the multilateral diplomacy. He participated to a considerable number of International Conferences mainly dealing with the European Union's relations with Latin American and African countries, while, during successive Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, he was the Head of the Greek Delegation to the Human Rights Committee.

During the various times he was serving at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens, he held the posts of the Spokesman of the Ministry, of the Director of the European Parliament Affairs and of the Director of the European Security Conferences.

Ambassador Kodellas has equally served as Chief of Cabinet of Ministers at the Ministries of Tourism, Health and Social Solidarity, National Defense and Foreign Affairs.

From December 2013 to March 2014 he has been President of the Hellenic Red Cross Society.

Since, October 2015 he is the President of Special Olympics Hellas.

Married to Belén de la Morena, is father of four sons.

Among other distinctions, Ambassador Kodellas is the recipient of the:

- Grand Cross of the Order of the Phoenix of the Hellenic Republic
- Grand Cross of the Order of the Couronne de la Chêne of the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg
- Grand Cross of the Aguila Azteca of Mexico
- Grand Officer of the Order of Wissam el Aloui of the Kingdom of Morocco
- Commander of the Order of Orange-Nassau of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Knight of the Order of Leopold 1st of the Kingdom of Belgium