



**List C Convenor and Vice-President:
H.E. Fernando José Marroni de Abreu
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
Brazil**

Born in 1957, in Sao Borja, Ambassador Fernando Jose Marroni de Abreu is married and has three children. He graduated in Chemical Engineering at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul and holds Bachelor's degrees in Economics and International Relations, both of them from the University of Brasilia.

Ambassador Fernando Abreu joined the diplomatic service in 1981. As a Third Secretary, he worked at the Department of Africa, and taught as assistant lecturer of Brazilian Foreign Policy at Rio Branco Institute. He coordinated the Diplomacy Training Course in Guinea-Bissau, in 1985. In 1988, Ambassador Abreu earned his Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Paris I, after presenting a thesis on the evolution of Brazil's policy towards Africa.

He served, as Secretary, at the Embassies of Paris and Havana as well as the Brazilian Permanent Delegation to FAO, Ambassador Abreu acted, too, as the Advisor for International Affairs in the Extraordinary Ministry of Land Policies, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Agrarian Development, Advisor for International Affairs and Chief of Staff to the Minister of Defense, Vice President of Brazil of INFRAERO's Board of Administration (Brazilian Airport Infrastructure Company), member of the Executive Board of the Committee on Foreign Relations and National Defense and substitute-member of EMBRAER's Board of Administrators. He defended a thesis on the National Defense Policy at Rio Branco Institute's Advance Studies Course.

Between 2005 and 2015, he successively served as Minister-Counsellor at the Embassy of Madrid, Ambassador to Jordan, and Director of the Brazilian Cooperation Agency. Ambassador Abreu took office as Undersecretary General for Africa and the Middle East on August 26, 2015.