

Principal Adviser and Special Envoy for Non-proliferation and Disarmament



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Jacek Bylica has been appointed by High Representative Catherine Ashton as Principal Adviser and Special Envoy for Non-proliferation and Disarmament.

Prior to joining EEAS, from 2008 to 2013, Amb. Bylica was the Head of Weapons of Mass Destruction Non-proliferation Centre (WMDC) at NATO International Staff in Brussels. In this capacity he also co-chaired the NATO-Russia Council's Working Group on Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-proliferation, the NRC (ADN).

From 2004 to 2008 Amb. Bylica was Poland's Resident Representative to Vienna-based international organisations and control regimes, including the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), the Wassenaar Arrangement (WA) and others.

For over two decades in the Polish Foreign Service, Mr. J.Bylica divided his professional activities between Asia and international security affairs. From 1990 to 1995 he was posted to Poland's Embassy in Beijing. Among the positions he held in the Foreign Ministry in Warsaw were the following: Korea Desk Officer; China Desk Officer; Head, Arms Control and Disarmament Division; Deputy Director and Director, Department of Asia, Australia and Latin America; Director, Secretariat of the Minister; Assistant Director and Director, Department of Security Policy.

Born in 1963 in Warsaw, Poland, Jacek Bylica studied in Warsaw, Moscow, Beijing and Boston. He holds two Masters degrees: one in International Relations with a concentration in Oriental Studies and another in Law and Diplomacy with a concentration in International Security Studies.

Apart from his native Polish, Mr. Bylica is fluent in English, Russian and Mandarin Chinese, and has a working knowledge of French.

He is married to Dr. Malgorzata Kosmalka-Bylica; they have two adult children.