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## **Biographic note**

### **Ambassador Klaus Korhonen, Finland**

Mr. Klaus Korhonen is currently the President of the Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). He was elected at the Second Conference of States Parties (CSP2) in August 2016 and his term lasts until the end of the Third Conference (CSP3) to be held in Geneva 11-15 September 2017.

Since 2013 Mr. Korhonen has served as Ambassador for Arms Control at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. He was the Head of Finnish Delegation to the 2015 Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT). Ambassador Korhonen was Chairman of the Plenary of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) in Helsinki 2015 as well as coordinator of preparations for the Host Country. He served as Finland's Sherpa for the Nuclear Security Summits in The Hague 2014 and in Washington 2016.

Mr. Korhonen was Ambassador to the Netherlands and Permanent Representative to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) from 2009 to 2013. In The Hague he led negotiations for the 2012 Budget of the International Criminal Court (ICC) as Facilitator of the Assembly of State Parties.

He was Deputy Director-General of the Department for Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, MFA, in Helsinki from 2006 to 2009. In 2001-2004 he was Director and Head of Unit for Policy Planning and Research, MFA, and in 2005 Visiting Research Fellow with Helsinki University Network for European Studies. From 1996 to 2000 Mr. Korhonen worked as Senior Desk Officer for General Security Policy and NATO affairs, MFA.

In 1991-1992 and 1993-1996 he served in the Permanent Mission of Finland to International Organisations in Geneva heading the Human Rights Section and covering also disarmament items. In 1992-1993 he attended the International Training Course on Security Policy and Arms Control at the Graduate Institute of International Studies of Geneva. In 1988-1991 he was posted to Finnish Embassy in Moscow. He joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1987.

Ambassador Korhonen holds MSc from Helsinki University 1986.

He was born in Helsinki on 3 May 1961. Ambassador Korhonen lives in Helsinki and has three children.