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Biography of Ms Zohour Alaoui

She has been Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Morocco to UNESCO since December 2011.

H. E. Ms Zohour Alaoui was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King to Sweden from January 2006 to December 2011, then non-resident Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia from 2009 to the date of her appointment in Paris.

She holds a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University, Washington D.C. (1992) and a degree in Public Law (Political Science option) from Mohammed V University, Rabat. From 2003 to 2006, Ms Alaoui held the post of Director of the Division for the United Nations and International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.

Ms Alaoui had previously served within the same Department as Chief of the Division for the United Nations and International Organizations, from 1999 to 2003, then as Chief of the Service for the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council, from 1997 to 1999, and as Chief of the Service for Governmental Organizations of a Political Nature, from 1995 to 1997.

Recruited to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation in 1978, she served as Secretary of Foreign Affairs at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Washington (1987-1992), before being appointed Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs (1993-1995).

Ms Zohour Alaoui chaired several meetings at the United Nations, and also represented Morocco at several international and regional conferences on safety and disarmament, human rights and regional cooperation.

She has been a member of several committees, commissions and subsidiary bodies of the Executive Board and General Conference of UNESCO, including the Executive Board, of which she has been a Vice-Chairperson since 2015.

She has also chaired the Arab Group of UNESCO (2012-2013) and several committees, including the Organizing Committee for Africa Week 2013, the Conference Committee for Africa Week 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Gala Committee for Africa Week (2017), the Organizing Committee for the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Day (OIC) 2016.

Ms Zohour Alaoui is married with two children.

Ms Zohour Alaoui was made Commander Grand Cross of the Order of the Polar Star by the Kingdom of Sweden at the end of her mission.

