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Mr Raimonds Oškalns serves as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations, OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna since 15 August 2024. He heads the work of the Permanent Mission also with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO).

He serves as Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the CTBTO in 2026.

Mr Oškalns is a senior career diplomat in the foreign service of Latvia. Prior to his appointment in Vienna, he served as Director of the Security Policy Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia from early 2022, leading Ministry's work on European and international security, arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament, terrorism prevention, crisis management and cyber diplomacy.

Earlier in his career he played a key role as the Special Representative for the Latvian Chairmanships of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and the Wassenaar Arrangement Experts Group (2018-2020). From 2010 till 2015 he was Deputy Permanent Representative of Latvia to the UN, OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna. In 2014-2015, he served as the Coordinator on Non-proliferation Issues for the OSCE Forum for Security Cooperation Chairpersons, facilitating the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. He has led Latvia's delegations to the Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (2022) and the International Conference on Nuclear Security (2024).

Other senior assignments have included Adviser to the State Secretary (2015-2016), Director for Strategic Communication (2016-2018), Head of Global Security (2021) and Head of Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-proliferation (2007-2010) at the Ministry's headquarters.

Mr Oškalns is a graduate in Law from the University of Latvia (2001) and a Master's degree in International and European Security from the University of Geneva (2009). He is an alumnus of Harvard Kennedy School's Senior Executives in National and International Security Program (2019) and the Singapore Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO) (2024).

Mr Oškalns speaks Latvian, English, German and Russian.