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He served in various departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs before being appointed as Second Secretary for Commercial Affairs, at the Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel, in 1993.

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He was Head of the Secretariat of the Directorate General for Italians Abroad and Migration Policies, in 2001. In 2006, he was appointed as Consul General to Houston, USA, and then posted to Washington D.C. as First Counsellor for Emigration and Social Affairs in 2009.

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