

**BIOGRAPHY
OF Mr. ALI HACHANI
PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (2006)**

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- Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations since March 2003.
- Born in 1946, Mr. HACHANI, after primary and secondary studies, graduated in English Language and Literature from Tunis University (1968). He then followed a course in International Relations at Columbia University (New York) within the framework of a training program for diplomats (1969-70).
- He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia in November 1968. After having served in the Department of International Co-operation, he was appointed (September 1972 to September 1979) Counsellor at the Tunisian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. In this capacity, he took part in a great number of regular and extraordinary sessions of the UN General Assembly as well as Technical Committees and International Conferences.
- On his return to Tunis, he joined for six months the Prime Minister's Office before being appointed Deputy Director for Multilateral Co-operation, then Director of Multilateral Co-operation and Co-operation among Developing Countries, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- From September 1, 1985 to September 30, 1990, he was Ambassador of Tunisia to the United Arab Emirates. He was later appointed Director of Bilateral and Regional Co-operation with Arab, African and Asian Countries in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- From 1992 to 1995, he was Ambassador of Tunisia to Senegal. He was equally Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, the Republic of Gambia and the Republic of Cape-Verde, with residence in Dakar.
- Returning to Tunis (September 1995), he was Director for Research, Analysis and Planning, then Director for relations with countries members of the European Union and finally Director-General for Europe in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- From September 1, 1997 to January 5, 2000, he was Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations in New York.
- From February 1, 2000 to July 31, 2001, he was Ambassador of Tunisia to Greece.
- From September 2001 until his recent and new nomination as Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations, he was Director-General of International Organizations and Conferences in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- He was promoted to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary in 1983 and in 1995 to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary "Hors Classe."
- Mr. Ali HACHANI is married and father of four children.
- He is « Officer de l'Ordre de la République Tunisienne ».