



Biography : JIM CLOOS

Jim CLOOS is presently Director in charge of Transatlantic Relations, Latin America, United Nations, Human Rights and Counter-Terrorism at the General Secretariat of the EU Council of Ministers and is a close collaborator of the High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, Javier Solana.

From 1995 to 1999, he was Head of Cabinet to the President of the European Commission and the President's Sherpa within the G7/G8 framework. Between 1993 and 1999, he headed the Cabinet of the Commissioner in charge of Agriculture.

Jim Cloos worked at the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg with the EU from 1987 to 1992. He took an active part in the drafting of the Maastricht Treaty during the Luxembourg Presidency in the first half of 1991. He was then promoted to Deputy Permanent Representative, a post he held until moving to the European Commission.

Jim Cloos holds a First Class BA Honours in Russian and Linguistics (University of Reading, UK). He also holds a Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (Lauréat) in Soviet and Eastern European Studies from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Paris, France) and a Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures Spécialisées in International Trade (University of Paris IX-Dauphine).

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