



## **Jean-Michel VERANNEMAN**

Jean-Michel Veranneman de Watervliet was born in 1947 in Bruges.

He grew up in Belgium and Portugal. He studied at the Paris Institut d'Etudes politiques, at the French-speaking Brussels University (ULB), where he graduated in Sociology, and at the Flemish Vrije Universiteit Brussel, from which he holds a degree in Journalism.

He also spent a six months as a trainee at the European Commission in Brussels.

After serving as an Officer in the elite Chasseurs Ardennais Regiment of the Belgian Army, Mr. Veranneman joined the Belgian diplomatic service in 1976.

He served in Bonn, Brasilia, La Paz, at the Permanent Mission to the UN in New York and at the Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels.

He was Consul General in Sao Paulo (Brazil) and Minister plenipotentiary in London (1994-97).

His postings as Ambassador were Mozambique and Swaziland jointly (1983-86), Brazil (2000-2003), Israel (2003-2006), Great Britain (2006-2010) and Portugal (2010-2012).

Some of his publications cover Portuguese emigration, the History of Africa, the Nation-State concept and the History of Belgium in the Second World War.

Ambassador Veranneman is married to Brazilian lawyer Maria do Carmo Neves da Silveira and they have three sons. His father was a courier for the British Intelligence Service and fought with Montgomery's troops in WWII. His grandfather fought as an officer in the trenches in WWI.

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