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Curriculum Vitae

Walter B. Gyger has graduated in Public Management at the University of St.Gallen, and written his doctor thesis on European Integration. He is Honorary Doctor of Philosophy of the University of Russia's Academy of Education.

He joined the Diplomatic Service of the Swiss Government in 1974. After his initial training in Bern and at the Graduate Institute for international relations in Geneva he joined the Swiss Embassy in Teheran, the Swiss Delegation to the Economic Organisations in Geneva, the Mission to OECD in Paris and the Embassy in Bonn. 1987 he was appointed Deputy Director for international Organisations in Bern. 1991 the Swiss Government appointed him Ambassador to Senegal, Mali, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau and the Gambia. From 1995 to 1999 he was Head of the Swiss Mission to the Office of the United Nations and to the other international Organisations in Geneva. Afterwards he represented Switzerland in India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan. 2004 he was appointed Swiss Ambassador to Turkey. Between 2006 and 2007 he was also accredited as Ambassador to Azerbaijan. His last diplomatic assignment was in Moscow as Ambassador of Switzerland to the Russian Federation. After retirement he was entrusted as Advisor of the Swiss Foreign Ministry with Missions to Jordan and Algeria. Furthermore he is board member of two humanitarian foundations. Since July 2015 he is Principal Representative of Rotary International to the UN Office and other international Organisations in Geneva.

He is married and father of 3 Children