

## **CV MARGUS KOLGA**

Born in Tallinn, Estonia on 1 May 1966.

Educational background: Tartu University, Faculty of History (1984-1992)

In 1992 joined Ministry of Defence of Estonia, three months after establishment of the Ministry. 1992-1994 worked as desk officer in the Supply and Logistics Department. 1994 was promoted to the post of the Head of the Bureau of Defence Policy, since 1995 worked as a Head of the Department of the Security Policy.

1996-2003 held a post of the Deputy Secretary General of MoD responsible for policy & planning, international relations and public affairs. During this period Margus Kolga was actively involved in Estonia's NATO integration process and headed the Governmental Interagency Task Force for NATO membership.

From autumn 2003 until March 2007 he worked as a senior research fellow in the Baltic Defence College and was responsible for the organising and support of the newly established Higher Command Studies Course (HCSC).

In March 2007 Margus Kolga joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia and held a post of the Director General of the 1<sup>st</sup> Political Department (Security Policy and International Organisations) until 2010. In November 2010 – July 2015 Margus Kolga served as the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations. After return from New York City in 2015 he was seconded to the State Chancellery to coordinate the drafting of the new Security Policy Strategy. Mid-2016 he returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was assigned to lead the UN Security Council Campaign Task Force.

Since 2004 he has been also acting as a Co-chairman of the Estonian Defence and Military Terminology Commission and Member of the Military Educational Board of Estonia. 2006-2011 he held the post of Academic Director for the Estonian State Defence Course, course that has been run to educate Estonian senior state officials, civil servants and opinion leaders in defence and security issues. After relinquishing his work in United Nations in 2015 he was nominated again to the post of Academic Director of the Course.

Margus Kolga is a graduate of the International Security Course '93 (ITC) of the Geneva Center of Security Policy, Conflict Resolution Course '95 of the USIA and Higher Command Study Course '04 of the Baltic Defence College.

Margus Kolga is decorated with Order of the White Star Fourth Class and Service Cross of the Ministry of Defence First Class.

Speaks English, Finnish, Russian, understands German.

In the family - son and two daughters.