

Aldo Ajello was appointed EU Special Envoy for the **African Great Lakes Region** on 25 March 1996 (Joint Action, OJ L 87, 4.4.1996, Joint Action 2003/447/CFSP, [OJ L 150, 18.6.2003](#), Joint Action 2004/530/CFSP, [OJ L 234, 3.7.2004](#), Joint Action 2005/96/CFSP, [OJ L 31, 4.2.2005](#), Joint Action 2006/122/CFSP, [OJ L 49, 21.02.2006](#)). Mr Ajello works closely with the UN and AU (African Union) and with the prominent African figures who are assisting the international community's efforts. He maintains constant contact with the Governments of the countries in the region. Through its Special Envoy the Union is able — in extremely difficult circumstances — to make its voice heard and make known its desire to contribute to solving the crises in the region.

1. Curriculum Vitae of Mr. Aldo Ajello



Mr. Aldo Ajello

EU Special Representative for the African Great Lakes Region

Place and date of birth

Palermo, 15 January 1936

Marital status

Married, one daughter and one son

Nationality

Italian

Language skills

Italian, mother tongue

French, fluent

English, fluent

Spanish, working knowledge

Portuguese, working knowledge

Education

1954 to 1961 University of Palermo, Italy

Course of study

Law Academic Diploma: "Laurea"

Activities in International Affairs

Board of Directors, Istituto Italiano per America Latina e il Medio Oriente (IPALMO)

Member, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Member, Societa italiana per le Organizzazione Internazionali (SIOI)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

March 1996 to present

Special Representative of the European Union for the Great Lakes Region

March 1995 to March 1996

Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Adviser to the Secretary-General for special assignments on preventive and peace-making efforts

October 1992 to February 1995

Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General of
the United Nations for the Peace Keeping Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ)

October 1988 to September 1992

Assistant Administrator and Director
Bureau for Special Activities - United Nations
Development Programme - New York

October 1983 to September 1988

Assistant Administrator and Director
European Office - United Nations Development Programme - Geneva

June 1979 to July 1983

Member of the Chamber of Deputies - Legislator (Italy)

Member of the Foreign Affairs Commission

Head of the Parliamentary Caucus for the Defense of Human Rights

Member of the Parliamentary Assembly - Council of Europe

Member of the Assembly of the Western European Union
Member of the Interparliamentary Union

June 1976 to June 1979

Member of the Senate Legislator (Italy)
Member of the Foreign Affairs Commission
Member of the European Parliament - Legislator
Chairman of the Committee for Environment and Consumer protection.

1964 to 1979

Member of the Civil Service Rome, Italy
Press Attache - Ministry of Transportation
Head of the Secretariat of the Deputy Prime Minister
Journalist, News Editor, AND Kronos, Press Agency
Inter Press Service, Governing Board

2. Contacts

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