

Vice-President

H.E. Ms. Lachezara Stoeva Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations

Her Excellency Lachezara Stoeva assumed her duties as Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations on 17 February 2021. Since then, she served as the seventy-eighth President of the Economic and Social Council (25 July 2022-27 July 2023) and as Vice-President of ECOSOC responsible for the Management Segment during its seventy-seventh session. Ambassador Stoeva was the Chair of the Economic and Financial Committee (Second Committee) during the 77th session of UNGA (September 2022-September 2023). In 2021 she was the President of the Joint Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

In 2022 Ambassador Stoeva chaired Subsidiary Body 1 under Main Committee 1 on “Nuclear disarmament and security assurances” during the Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Ambassador Stoeva currently serves on the Advisory Board on Gender Equality of the President of the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Before her appointment as Permanent Representative, Ms. Stoeva headed the Department of Economic, Financial and Administrative Affairs of the United Nations, in Bulgaria’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2019-2021). Prior to that she served as Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 2016 to 2019, prior to which she was Acting Deputy Permanent Representative and Counsellor, responsible for international security and disarmament. Prior to her posting in New York, Ms. Stoeva headed the Foreign Ministry’s Department of Arms Control and Non-Proliferation from 2013 to 2014, and the Department of International Development Cooperation from 2012 until 2013. She first joined the Ministry in 2002 and has worked extensively on international security issues with an emphasis on arms control, non-proliferation and United Nations issues.

Ms. Stoeva holds master’s degrees in European politics and government from the London School of Economics and in political science from Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. She was born in 1977 in Sofia, Bulgaria.