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Professional background

1973 Entered the Foreign Service, Dept. of Economic affairs

1975-78 Secretary of Embassy, Royal Norwegian Embassy, Bonn

1978-81 Member of the Norwegian delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, (Geneva, Belgrade and Madrid)

1981-84 Head of the Foreign Minister's Secretariat, MFA

1984-86 State Secretary, MFA

1987-88 Special Advisor for Economic Affairs, MFA

1988-94 Chief Executive Officer of the Norwegian Tourist Board

1995 Director for the Norwegian Government's Action Plan for Eastern Europe, MFA

1995-99 Minister Counsellor, Royal Norwegian Embassy, Bonn

1999- Ambassador/Special Advisor for WTO affairs, MFA

2003 Chief Negotiator for the GATS/WTO-negotiations;

2003 Ambassador to the Council of Europe, Strasbourg

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