**Amb. Valery Kuzmin**

Born in 1953 in Moscow.

Graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations under the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1975.

PhD in History.

Joined the diplomatic service in 1975. Held various positions at the MFA headquarters and Soviet missions abroad, including in Libya (1975-1980), Tunisia (1985-1990).

1992 – 1994 : First Secretary, Head of Desk, Deputy Director, Middle East and North Africa Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1994 – 1998 : Deputy Director, Middle East and North Africa Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

[1998](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1998) – [2003](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/2003) **: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Sudan**

2003 – 2003 : Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

[20](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/2003)03 – 2007 : Director, Department for Liaisons with Constituent Entities of the Federation, the Parliament and Public Associations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

[2007](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007) – [2012](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012) : Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Moldova

[20](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/2003)12 – 2016 : Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

[2016](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016) – to date : Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Romania

Holds the diplomatic rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Fluent in Arabic, French and English.

Decorated with the Order of Friendship (in 2012).

Married, with a son and a daughter.