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BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE
Syrian Arab Republic

Professional Experience:

Mr. Simon Collis joined the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1978 and worked in London until 1980, while undertaking Arabic language training.

In 1981 he took up the position of Second Secretary at the British Embassy in Bahrain, returning to London in 1984. He continued to pursue his career with the FCO taking a number of different positions: 1986 New York (UKMIS); 1987–1988, FCO London; 1988–1990, First Secretary and Head of Chancery, Tunis; 1990, FCO London; 1991–1994, First Secretary, Political, New Delhi; 1994–1996, FCO London; 1996–1999, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, Amman; 1999, Secondment to BP; 2000–2004, HM Consul General, Dubai; 2004–2005, HM Consul General, Basra; 2005–2007, HM Ambassador, Doha.

Mr. Collis took up his position as HM Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic in October 2007. He is delighted to be back in Damascus, where he first studied Arabic.