

**H.E. Arif Havas Oegroseno**  
**Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republik of Indonesia**

Arif Havas Oegroseno currently serves as Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Red and White Cabinet after being inaugurated by President Prabowo Subianto on 21 October 2024. He will conclude his assignment as the Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary of the Republic of Indonesia to the Federal Republic of Germany at the end of 2024, a position he was sworn into by the President of the Republic of Indonesia on 20 February 2018. Previously, he held the office of Vice Minister at the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment from 2015 – 2018 after serving as the Ambassador of Indonesia to the Kingdom of Belgium, Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the European Union from 2010 to 2015.

His previous assignments at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia include the position of Director General for Law and International Treaties from 2008 – 2010, a promotion from the previous position of Director for Political, Security and Regional Agreements at the Directorate General for Law and International Agreements from 2002 – 2008.

In June 2010, he became the first Indonesian to preside over the 20<sup>th</sup> Conference on the Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) of 1982 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, presiding over 160 member states of the 1982 Convention.

His career as a diplomat and civil servant stretches over 30 years since 1987. His first overseas assignment as a diplomat was at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia in Geneva from 1993-1997, with a focus on human rights. His second assignment was at the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Lisbon, Portugal, from 1999-2002 with the main task of re-opening the Indonesian mission that was previously closed in 1975.

Throughout his career, he led numerous negotiations on maritime boundaries, extradition, trade and sustainable development, as well as timber certification. He is the main figure behind the Indonesian Ocean Policy and the establishment of the Archipelagic and Island State (AIS) Forum.

He is an alumnus of the Harvard Law School (1992) and the Faculty of Law of Universitas Diponegoro (1986). Besides participating in various training courses for diplomats and civil servants at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he also took part in a number of training courses abroad, among others the World Bank – Harvard Institute Training on International Development, the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School, the International Boundaries Negotiations Course, the San Remo Humanitarian Course, and the Australian Foreign Service Course.

He was awarded the honorary medal of the Commander in the Order of Leopold of Belgium from the King of Belgium as well as the honorary medals by two cities of Belgium, Honorary Knight of Blancmoussi of Stavelot and Honorary Knight of Confrerie du Ramort of Ostende.

### **Academic Engagements**

H.E. Arif Havas Oegroseno is a member of the International Panel of the Centre for International Law of National University of Singapore and the Executive Committee of the Asian Society of International Law and a member of the German branch of the International Law Association.

He is also a lecturer and has given lectures in various countries, such as in Rhodes Academy International Law of the Sea located in Rhodes, Greece, Universitas Indonesia, Universitas Padjajaran, Universitas Diponegoro, Universitas Airlangga, Universitas Udayana, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Universitas Muhammadiyah Jogjakarta, UIN Malang and UIN Jogjakarta, Cambridge University, University of Virginia, John Hopkins University, World Maritime University, Leuven University, Liege University, Konstanz University, Frankfurt University, Freiburg University, Technical University Berlin, Humboldt University, Universitas Wismar, and RWTH Aachen University.

He holds a wide range of experience as speaker at national, regional and multilateral conferences, including as co-keynote speaker with the judge of the International Court of Justice during the event “60th Anniversary of International Law Commission” at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva.

He actively contributes his opinion to the national media such as the Kompas daily newspaper, and global mass media such as the International Herald Tribune. He also contributes in scientific publications, among others ANALISA CSIS, Indonesia beyond the Water’s Edge: Managing an Archipelagic State (2009); Maritime Border Diplomacy (2012); Freedom of Seas, Passage Rights and the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention (2010); The Marine Environment and United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14 (2018); the IMLI Manual on International Marine Law: Volume I; the Law of the Sea (2014); as well as Marine Bio Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (2021).

Arif Havas Oegroseno is married to Sartika Oegroseno and has two children, Faiz Oegroseno and Nabila Oegroseno. He enjoys swimming and cycling.

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