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Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden to the Russian Federation

Tomas Bertelman was born in 1945 in the town of Lund, Sweden.

From 1982 to 1984 Tomas Bertelman studied at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, USA, before obtaining a BA from the University of Lund.

After his graduation in 1971, Tomas Bertelman joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden in Stockholm and briefly worked at the Secretariat for Future Studies, a think-tank at the Prime Minister's Office.

From 1977 to 1981 Bertelman served abroad as First Secretary of the Swedish Embassies first in Hanoi and later in London, before returning home to Stockholm to the Ministry of Defence.

In 1984 he gathered first-hand experience of the politics of the Soviet Union as Counsellor for Political Affairs at the Embassy in Moscow. He expanded this knowledge even further at his next post as the Advisor on Soviet Affairs at the Foreign Ministry in his home country.

During the years 1988 and 1989 he headed the Swedish General Consulate in Leningrad. In the early nineties he held various high-ranking posts in Swedish politics as Secretary to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Parliament and Assistant Under-Secretary for North America, Europe, Russia and the CIS countries.

In the year 1995 Tomas Bertelman was appointed Ambassador to Spain, a post he held for five years. He subsequently served as Ambassador to Latvia and as Head of the Secretariat for Intelligence Co-ordination at the Cabinet Office in Stockholm.

From 2005 to 2008 he represented Sweden in Poland, before being appointed Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden to the Russian Federation.

Tomas Bertelman speaks English, Spanish and French, as well as Russian, Polish and German.