

BIOGRAPHY OF LUC VÉRON



As from August 2007, **Minister-Counselor (Political) and Head of the Political, Security and Development Section**- Delegation of the European Union to the United States, Washington DC. Mr Véron deals with US politics, US foreign policy, development assistance including the relations with International Financial Institutions, law enforcement issues and co-ordinates the EU role as permanent observer to the Organization of American States.

March 2002-April 2007: Deputy then Acting Head of Unit for relations with the United States and Canada in the External Relations department of the European Commission.

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Previously, he served as Commission's spokesman for budget, antifraud and parliamentary affairs (1999-2002), administrator in the Small and Mediumsized Businesses Department (1994-1997), antidumping case-handler in the External Economic Relations Department (1991-1994) and desk officer for Germany in the Economic and Financial Affairs Department (1989-1991).

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Luc Véron is a career European official who was born in Le Mans (France). He graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris in 1983 with an M.A. in economics and international relations and in 1988 earned a post-graduate degree in economics from the École Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration économique (Paris-France). He was European Union Fellow and visiting scholar in 1997-98 at the School of International Relations, University of Southern California.