

## CHRISTOS STYLIANIDES

### Current duties

On 1 November 2014, Christos Stylianides started as the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management.

On October 24 2014, he was appointed by the European Council EU Ebola Coordinator.

### Political Career

**May 2014-October 2014:** Member of the European Parliament (EPP Group).

- Member of the Committee on Budgets and substitute Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy.
- Member of the Delegation for relations with the USA. Substitute Member of the Delegation for relations with Israel.

**2013-2014:** Government Spokesperson of the Republic of Cyprus.

- Senior political official in the Executive branch, managing the Government's communication strategy and heading the Government's centralized Press and Information Office.
- Participated in the proceedings of the Council of Ministers and the meetings of the National Council of Cyprus.
- Accompanied President Nicos Anastasiades, as a member of his delegation, to all EU and UN high-level meetings.
- Stepped down in April 2014 to run as candidate in the May 2014 European Parliament elections.

**2006-2013:** Member of the Cyprus House of Representatives (Elected in 2006 and 2011 with Democratic Rally/DISY).

- Vice-Chair of the Committee on Foreign and European Affairs (2011-2013).
- Member of the Committee on European Affairs, the Committee of Internal Affairs and the Committee of Employment and Social Affairs (2006-2011).

**2006-2013:** Member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (2006-2011).

- Elected Member of the Bureau of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in 2012.
- Member in several missions of the OSCE PA.
- Represented Cyprus at plenary sessions and committee meetings of the Union for the Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly.

**1998-1999:** Government Spokesperson of the Republic of Cyprus (under former President Glafcos Clerides).

- Senior member of Government with a similar institutional role as in 2013.
- Member of the President's delegation to EU accession talks and intercommunal negotiations for Cyprus's reunification.
- Resigned in 1999, in protest over a political corruption case which involved the public administration.

## **Professional career and education**

- Dental Surgeon (1984, Aristoteleion University, Thessaloniki, Greece)
- Executive education in International Development (JFK School of Government, Harvard University, USA)
- Postgraduate seminars in political science, international relations and European Institutions.

## **Other activities**

- Council Member of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR).
- Co-founded the Movement for Political Modernization and Reform (1995), promoting Cyprus's EU accession and state & political reform.
- Leading member of grassroots youth movements in support of EU membership and the solution of the Cyprus problem since the early 1980's.
- Actively involved in the rapprochement between the Greek Cypriot and the Turkish Cypriot communities through joint civil society and political initiatives.

## **Personal details**

Cypriot

Born on 26 June 1958 in Nicosia

Married with one son

Languages: Greek and English