

Ambassadorial Insights

Spain–U.S. Relations

His Excellency**Carlos Westendorp y Cabeza**

Spanish Ambassador to the U.S.

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Carlos Westendorp y Cabeza assumed the position of ambassador of Spain to the United States on 15 September 2004, after having been in the Spanish Diplomatic Service since 1964. Westendorp previously served as a member of the autonomous community of the Madrid Parliamentary Assembly (2003–04), a member of the European Parliament (1999–2003), and high representative for the implementation of the peace agreement in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1997–99). In addition, he served as Spain's permanent representative to the UN (1996–97), minister of foreign affairs (1995–96), as well as various posts for the European communities, including state secretary (1991–95), permanent representative (1985–91), president executive of the Board for the Relations with the European communities (1983–85), and secretary-general (1985). Westendorp also served as head of the Commercial Office of the Spanish Embassy at the Hague (1975–79), head of the Technical Cabinet of the Ministry of Industry (1974–75), director of economic studies at the Diplomatic School in Madrid (1969–70), and consul at the Spanish Consulate General in São Paulo (1966–69). His publications include books and articles, in addition to numerous presentations. He has received decorations in Spain and abroad, including the Great Cross of the Order of Charles III and the title of Officer of the Legion of Honor in France. An attorney by profession, he has been a member of the Spanish Socialist Workers Party (Partido Socialista Obrero Español—PSOE) since 1977. Westendorp was born in Madrid and is married to Amaya de Miguel; they have three children.