

JOAQUÍN DE ARÍSTEGUI LABORDE

Born in Madrid (Spain) on January 21, 1966

Married to María Jesús Crespo Lasso de la Vega, three children

- MD in Law, *Universidad Autónoma*, Madrid, June 1989.
- Joined the Spanish Foreign Service as a Career diplomat, January 1992.
- Third Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, June 1992.
- Attached to the Protocol Department of the Organising Committee of the Barcelona Olympic Games, July 1992.
- First Secretary, Embassy of Spain in Bucharest (Romania), July 1992.
- Promoted to Second Secretary at the Embassy of Spain in Bucharest, November 1993.
- Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Spain in Bucharest, June 1994.
- Cultural Counsellor, Embassy of Spain in The Hague (The Netherlands), July 1994.
- Deputy Permanent Representative of Spain to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons/OPCW, The Hague, April 1997.
- Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Spain in San Salvador (El Salvador), July 1997.
- Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Spain in Bangkok (Thailand) –accredited also to Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia-, July 1999.
- Deputy Director General for Continental Asian Affairs, Directorate General for Asian and Pacific Region Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Madrid, July 2001.
- Secretary General, Spain-Japan Foundation, January 2002.
- Secretary General, Spain-China Foundation, January 2002.
- Co-Chair of the Asia CFSP Working Group (COASI), during the 2002 Spanish Presidency of the European Union.
- Counsellor, Head of the Human Rights team, Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations and other International Organisations, Geneva (Switzerland), July 2003.
- Promoted to First Secretary, July 2005.

- Appointed Ambassador–Deputy Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations and other International Organisations, Geneva, January 2007.
- Secretary General of the ONUART Foundation (in charge of the construction and decoration of the new *Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Chamber*, headquarters of the UN Human Rights Council), Geneva, March 2007.
- Promoted to Counsellor, July 2007.
- Deputy Director General for Bilateral Economic Relations with Emerging and Developing Countries, Directorate General for International Economic and Energy Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Madrid, January 2009.
- Appointed Chairman of the Group Friends of the ONUART Foundation (in charge of the Human Rights Council chamber at the Palais des Nations, Geneva), December 2009.
- Appointed Ambassador of Spain to the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, January 2010.
- Appointed Ambassador-Permanent Observer of Spain to the Association of Caribbean States/ACS (Port of Spain), on February 2010.
- Appointed Ambassador of Spain to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, March 2010.
- Appointed Ambassador of Spain to Barbados, June 2010.
- Appointed Ambassador of Spain to Guyana, June 2010.
- Appointed Ambassador of Spain to Suriname, November 2010.
- Appointed Ambassador of Spain to Grenada, November 2010.
- Appointed Ambassador of Spain to Saint Lucia, February 2011.
- Appointed Ambassador-Permanent Representative of Spain to the Caribbean Community/CARICOM (Georgetown), February 2011.
- Appointed Ambassador-Permanent Representative of Spain to the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States/OECS (Castries), February 2011.
- Head of Programmes, Office of the High Commissioner for Marca España (Brand Spain), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU and Cooperation, January 2014.
- Promoted to Minister Plenipotentiary (Third Class), June 2014.
- Consul General of Spain in Beijing (PR of China), July 2014.
- Consul General of Spain in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), July 2014.
- Consul General of Spain in Lyon (France), July 2018.

- Director General for Global Spain, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU and Cooperation, November 2018.
- Director General for Sports, High Council for Sports, Ministry of Culture and Sports, June 2020.
- Appointed Ambassador of Spain to the Republic of Colombia, November 2021.

Madrid, November 2, 2021.