

## **Maria Jesús Figa**

She holds a degree in Law and in 1978 she entered the diplomatic career. She has been an ambassador at the Spanish Embassy of Republic of Ivory Coast (from 1978-80), Mexico (1984-88) and (1994-98) and Lisbon (1990-1994).

In 2000 she was appointed Vocal Advisor of the Cabinet of the President where she worked until 2002, when she was designated ambassador in Dominican Republic and, subsequently, Special Ambassador for the Ibero-American Summits and Multilateral Affairs of Ibero-America, and General Director of International Economic Relations (2005). In 2007 she was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, where she worked until 2010, when she was designated Ambassador to the Holy See. She has also been Spanish Ambassador to Finland (2011) and Vietnam (2017).