

Khemaies Jhinaoui, Biography

Khemaies Jhinaoui, former Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2016-2019, was born April 5, 1954. He is a lawyer, and Tunisian diplomat.

He was Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2011, in the government of Beji Caid Essebsi. He held several diplomatic posts, including the post of diplomatic adviser to the President of the Republic.

Between 1996 and 1998, he was in charge of mission in the office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Between March 1999 and October 2004, he was Tunisian Ambassador to the United Kingdom, a post covering Ireland from October 1999, the posting of the embassy remaining in London.

Mr. Jhinaoui began his diplomatic career in the Tunisian Foreign Affairs with a posting in New Dehli, India from 1982-1986 and was posted as counselor in the Tunisian embassy in Seoul, South Korea from 1991-1994. Between December 2004 and 2006, he was the chief of staff of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdelwahab Abdallah. Between January 2006 and December 2007, he was Director General of Political, Economic and Cooperation Affairs for Europe and the European Union.

Between 2008 and 2011, he was Tunisian Ambassador to Russia, also being accredited for Ukraine and CIS member countries.

Khemaies Jhinaoui holds a license in public law, a DESS in the same discipline and a DEA in political science and international relations, which he obtained between 1978 and 1979. In 1978, he also obtained a certificate of aptitude to the profession of lawyer. In 1998, he became an auditor at the National Defense Institute.