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Pekka Huhtaniemi has been Finland's Under-Secretary of State (External Economic Relations) since January 2006.

Mr. Huhtaniemi started his career at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1972. His positions in the Finnish Foreign Service include Ambassador to Norway (2003-2005), Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Finland, Geneva (1998-2003), Director General at the Department for External Economic Relations (1994), Special Adviser to the Prime Minister on economic and international affairs (1993-1994), Deputy Director General for multilateral trade and economic issues at the Department for External Economic Relations (1991-1993), Minister Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative to the GATT, Permanent Mission of Finland, Geneva (1986-1991), and various roles involving economic and social affairs at the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations (1983-1986).

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