

1. Personal Information

- Name and Surname: **VALENTINA IVANOVNA MATVIENKO**
- Date and Place of Birth: April 1949

2. Educational Background

1972 - Graduated from the Leningrad Institute of Chemistry and Pharmaceutics
1985 – Graduated from the Academy of Social Sciences of the CPSU Central Committee
1991 – Completed Senior Diplomatic Staff Course at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR

3. Professional Activity

1984 – 1986 First Secretary of the Krasnogvardeisky District Committee of the CPSU in the City of Leningrad
1986 – 1989 Deputy Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Leningrad City Council
1989 - Elected People's Deputy of the USSR. Being one of the youngest woman deputies she headed the USSR Supreme Soviet Committee on Women, Families, Maternity and Childhood
1991 - Joined the diplomatic service and served as diplomat till 1998

She has the diplomatic rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. She served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the USSR and the Russian Federation to the Republic of Malta (1991–1994), Director of the Department for Liaisons with the Constituent Entities of the Federation, the Parliament, Public and Political Associations, member of the Collegium of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1995–1997), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Russia to Greece (1997–1998)

4. Political Activity

1998–2003 Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation
2003 – 2011 Governor of the City of St. Petersburg
2011 - Member of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation representing the executive body of St. Petersburg
2011-2014 Chairperson of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
2014 –Re-elected Chairperson of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
September 2011 – Permanent member of the Security Council of the Russian Federation
November 2011 – Chairperson of the Council of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States

5. Languages

Russian