



His Excellency

Paul R. Seger

Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary Permanent
Representative to the United
Nations

Ambassador Paul R. Seger, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations, presented his credentials to Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on 4 June 2010. From July 2003 until departure to New York he was the Head of the Directorate of International Law and Legal Advisor of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Berne. During that time he served also as the Ambassador of Switzerland to the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Head of the Swiss Delegation to the Central Commission for

Navigation on the Rhine (CCNR) (2003—2009), as President of the CCNR (2006—2007).

He attended Primary and Grammar schools in Basel. Received his Law Degree at the University of Basel, LL.D. Serves as lecturer at the Law Faculty of the University of Basel and is a member of various national and international legal associations.

His mother tongue is German and speaks English, French and Spanish. He was born on 26 December 1958 in Basel. He is married to Colette Seger-Schneiter and has two sons.

"Switzerland has always played a significant role in world affairs. To have Swiss U.N. Ambassador Paul Seger talk to our students and faculty about the Swiss perspective on sanctions against terrorists and the rule of law is a particular treat and honor. His visit promises to be one of the most instructive and beneficial for our community." Associate Vice President for UVU International Affairs & Diplomacy "Rusty" Butler

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SWITZERLAND

THE FLAG OF SWITZERLAND



HISTORY

It is 1 of only 2 square sovereign-state flags. The dimensions of the white cross were only established in 1889, though the white cross had been used since the 14th century. The design to suspend the cross in a square red field came about during the Napoleonic period.

MEANING

The meaning of the flag is not clearly defined, but can be said that the cross was originally used as a military symbol. It is also legend that the color white was chosen because the opposing military forces carried a red cross.

*Information gathered from
www.wikipedia.org*

- National and Official Languages: German, French, Italian and Romansch.
- A defensive alliance among 3 cantons formed what was called the Swiss Confederation in 1291 and grew to eventually secure the country's independence from the Holy Roman Empire in 1499.



- Chillon Castle – the most visited historic building in Switzerland and is located on the banks of Lake Geneva.
- The Alphorn finds its largest fan club in Nendaz, Switzerland, deemed the instrument's capital.
- Homeland of the novel Heidi by author Johanna Spyri in the quaint village of Maienfeld.
- First person to circumnavigate the globe in a hot-air balloon was the Swiss Bertrand Piccard.



- The first bar of chocolate was produced in Switzerland: François Cailler in 1819.
- In Switzerland you can lease a cow, and during the time of the lease, you get all the cheese that is made from your cow's milk.
- All major bridges leading to and from Manhattan were designed by Swiss engineers.
- Swiss are the world's largest consumers of chocolate: on average each Swiss consumes 22 lbs of chocolate per year.



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www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook*