

Oleh Nikolenko

Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

Biography

Born on August 19, 1986 in the city of Kherson.

In 2008, he graduated from the Institute of Philology at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv with a master's degree in English and Arabic translation with honors.

In 2011, he graduated from the Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and became an international lawyer.

Professional activity

In 2008, Oleh Nikolenko competed for the position of attaché at the Ukrainian Embassy in Libya, where he was involved in the evacuation of Ukrainian citizens since 2011, when civil war began in Libya.

After returning from Libya, he worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in charge of the North Africa and Middle East region, and was an assistant to the Special Representative of Ukraine for the Middle East and Africa.

In 2015-2020, he the Spokesperson for the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations in New York.

In 2016-2017, he was a member of the Ukrainian delegation to the UN Security Council during Ukraine's non-permanent membership, where he dealt with North and West Africa, the settlement of the Western Sahara issue, and was the coordinator of the UN Security Council Sanctions Committee on Sudan 1591 (2005).

In 2019-2020, he acted as Vice-Chairman of the UN Committee on Information, participated in the reform of the UN information policy in the context of countering the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since November 22, 2020, he has been the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.