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## Jorge Bolaños Suarez

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He was a member of Castro's guerrilla army that overthrew the Batista government in 1959. Between 1959 and 1963, Bolaños was a member of the National Board of the Union of Banks and Insurances. In 1963 he was a country specialist in the Foreign Affairs Ministry. In 1964, Bolaños was staff director for the Foreign Affairs Ministry. He then served as First Secretary to the Cuban Embassy in London from 1965-1968.

He has served as ambassador to Poland (1971-1974), Czechoslovakia (1974-1977), United Kingdom (1977-1981), Brazil (1986-1995) and Mexico (2001-2007). Between 1981 and 1986, Bolaños served as first vice minister of the Cuban Foreign Ministry.



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