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Personal Introduction

Professor Francesco Frangiali is Secretary General of the United Nations World Tourism Organization. He served as Deputy Secretary General from January 1990 to September 1996, when he assumed the post of Secretary General ad interim. He was elected to the top post of the Organization by the General Assembly in 1997 for the period 1998 – 2001. He was re-elected as Secretary General in 2001 for the period 2002 – 2005 and again in 2005 for the period 2006 – 2009. He led the Organization's conversion into a specialized agency of the United Nations, which took effect in December 2003.