



You are cordially invited on Wednesday, May 21, 2025  
at 12:15 PM to the Racquet and Tennis Club, 370 Park Avenue  
to close our 50th anniversary celebrations with a farewell tribute to

## **Madam Ambassador Mariangela Zappia**

at the end of her extraordinarily successful tenure as Ambassador of Italy to the United States  
and at the conclusion of her brilliant diplomatic career

**Madam Ambassador Mariangela Zappia** is the first woman to represent Italy in Washington.  
A distinguished career diplomat with four decades of experience, she has broken multiple glass ceilings throughout her service,  
representing Italy at the highest levels of international diplomacy.

Prior to her appointment in Washington, Ambassador Zappia served as Italy's Permanent Representative to the United Nations  
in New York from 2018 to 2021, becoming the first woman to lead Italy's mission to the UN. She was also the first woman to represent  
Italy at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Brussels, where she served as Permanent Representative from 2014 to 2016.

From 2016 to 2018, she held the dual role of Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister and G7/G20 Sherpa,  
coordinating Italy's international agenda during a period of major global challenges and summits.

Her early career reflects a long-standing commitment to multilateral engagement. She held senior roles at the Italian Mission  
to the United Nations in Geneva, led development cooperation efforts focused on the Mediterranean, the Middle East, and the Balkans,  
and coordinated major initiatives on women, peace, and security during Italy's G8 presidency.

Ambassador Zappia began her diplomatic journey in the late 1980s, with early assignments at the Italian Embassy in Dakar  
and later at the Consulate General in New York. She is an active member of the International Gender Champions Network aimed  
at promoting gender parity and women's participation in decision-making in all sectors.

In June 2019 she was awarded with the "Mela d'Oro" (Golden Apple), a recognition assigned by the "Fondazione Marisa Bellisario"  
to women who stand out for their contribution, at the national and international level, in public institutions, management, science,  
economy, culture, media and sport.

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H.E. Mariangela Zappia, Madam Ambassador of Italy to the United States

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