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**Fernando ANDRADE Díaz-Durán**  
(Phonetic: ahnDRAHday)

*Minister of Foreign Affairs*  
(since 11 August 1983)

*Addressed as:*  
*Mr. Minister*

A member of the wealthy Guatemalan elite, Fernando Andrade was a practicing attorney and a law professor at Rafael Landívar University—a Catholic school in Guatemala—before he was appointed Foreign Minister.



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**Education and Career**

In the early 1960s Andrade studied law at San Carlos University, where he was active in a student organization affiliated with the Christian Democratic Party (DCG) and served as president of the influential Law Students Association. A US Embassy report claims that he also attended Boston University for one semester. During the 1960s he was a DCG member and was also involved in international youth and student activities. Andrade held several important posts in the DCG, although he was more conservative than most other party officials. He was one of the party's Young Turks, whose ranks included the current party secretary general, Vinicio Cerezo Arévalo. (Cerezo once worked for Andrade in his law office.) Andrade left the DCG after the 1970 elections because he felt the party was committing a tactical political error by shifting from the center of the political spectrum to the left.

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