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12. Curriculum Vitae

Irith Rolinka Kist (Broek in Waterland, 1972) completed her secondary education at the Gymnasium in Apeldoorn in 1990. She pursued her education in the United States during a one-year exchange program. She began a bachelor's program at the College of Translation and Interpretation in Maastricht, specializing in legal translation in English and Spanish. She obtained a bachelor's degree in 1996 and continued her studies at the University of Amsterdam. She completed a master's degree in Political Science in 1997 and a law degree in 1999. She obtained a second law degree in Tax Law at the University of Amsterdam in 2009.

Irith began her career abroad with the OSCE mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1996. Upon returning to the Netherlands, she combined her studies with a position in the banking sector and as a legal translator from 1997 to 1999. In 1999, she continued her career as a lecturer in law at the Royal Netherlands Naval College. Subsequently, she represented the Netherlands as a diplomat with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs until 2003. She pursued her career at the University of Applied Sciences in Amsterdam and the Law Faculty at the University of Amsterdam, where she assumed several posts, among them lecturer and program manager, from 2003 to 2016.

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