JEAN-MARIE HALSDORF

- MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND THE GREATER REGION
- MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Jean-Marie Halsdorf was born on 1 February 1957 in Luxembourg City.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following secondary school studies at the Lycée classique d'Echternach, Jean-Marie Halsdorf enrolled in the University Louis Pasteur in Strasbourg, where he was awarded a doctorate in pharmacy.

MINISTERIAL POSTS

Following the elections of 13 June 2004, Jean-Marie Halsdorf was appointed Minister for Home Affairs and Town and Country Planning on 31 July 2004.

Upon the return of the coalition government formed by the Christian Social Party (CSV) and the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) as a result of the legislative elections of 7 June 2009, Jean-Marie Halsdorf was appointed Minister for Home Affairs and the Greater Region, Minister of Defence on 23 July 2009.

Jean-Marie Halsdorf represents the Luxembourg government at the Council of Ministers of the European Union in the Defence section of its Foreign Affairs configuration as well as in the Internal Security section of its Justice and Home Affairs configuration.

OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

Very involved in local politics as well as issues relating to health and social security, Jean-Marie Halsdorf was elected municipal councillor in Pétange on 1 January 1988. In 2000, he became the mayor of the municipality of Pétange.

From 2000 to 2004, Jean-Marie Halsdorf held the post of secretary general of Syvicol (Syndicate of Luxembourg towns and municipalities) and was a member of the executive board of Pro-Sud (Regional Syndicate of Municipalities for the Promotion and Development of the Southern Region). From 2001 to 2004, he was the chairman of the committee of the Intercommunal Syndicate of the Princess Marie-Astrid Hospital in Niederkorn.

From 1994 to 2009, he was a member of Parliament for the constituency of the South. In 2003, Jean-Marie Halsdorf was the rapporteur for the state budget for the 2004 financial year.

During his electoral mandate, Jean-Marie Halsdorf was also a full member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly as well as a deputy member of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union, the Benelux Interparliamentary Consultative Council and the Interregional Parliamentary Council.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

After obtaining his degree in pharmacy, Jean-Marie Halsdorf worked as a pharmacist in both retail and hospital environments, in particular at the Luxembourg Clinique Sacré-Cœur.

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