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Elissa Golberg is Ambassador of Canada to Italian Republic, Albania, Malta, San Marino, as well as Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN Agencies in Rome (IFAD, FAO, WFP). Prior to this, she was Assistant Deputy Minister for Strategic Policy at Global Affairs Canada (2017-2021), the department's Champion for Innovation and Experimentation, and Head of Performance Management and Results. Ms. Golberg has held several senior Canadian government roles, including:

- Assistant Deputy Minister – Partnerships for Development Innovation (2015-2017)
- Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva and to the Conference on Disarmament (2011-2015)
- Director-General of the Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force (2009-2011)
- Representative of Canada in Kandahar, Afghanistan (2008-2009)

Ms. Golberg is the 2024 Vice President of the World Food Programme Executive Board and sits on the Board of the Centre for Global Governance and Innovation (CIGI). She was recently Chair of the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (2022-2023), and a member of the UN Central Emergency Revolving Fund Advisory Group (2020-2023).

Ms. Golberg holds a Master's degree in International Relations. She is a recipient of the NATO ISAF General Service medal, the Queen's Jubilee Medal, the Public Service Award of Excellence, and several Ministerial Awards for Foreign Policy Excellence. She has published articles on humanitarian, fragile state and public policy related matters.