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Mr. Vaqif Sadıqov was born on 2 November 1956 in Baku, Azerbaijan. After graduation from the Azerbaijani Institute of Foreign Languages, he got his MA degree in linguistics in 1978, and PhD degree in linguistics in 1986. Until the end of 1991, he worked as assistant professor in the Azerbaijani Institute of Foreign Languages.

At the beginning of 1992, Mr. Sadıqov joined the diplomatic service of the Republic of Azerbaijan. In 1993-1995, Mr. Sadıqov was the head of the Political-Military Affairs Division of the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Azerbaijan. In this period, Mr. Sadıqov was the member of Azerbaijani delegations to international events on political-military, regional security, and arms control issues, in particular to the negotiations on the allocation of weapons and military equipment among the former USSR successor states.

In April 1995, Mr. Sadıqov was appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Austria, and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Vienna, UNIDO, and OSCE. Since 1998, Ambassador Sadıqov also served as Permanent Representative to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, and since 2001 to the International Atomic Energy Agency. In that period, Ambassador Sadıqov participated in the negotiations on the adapted CFE Treaty and development of new CSBMs, the OSCE Charter for European Security, and the UN Conventions against Transnational Organized Crime and against Corruption, attended many UN and OSCE events, including the 1996 and 1999 OSCE summits.

In April 2004, Ambassador Vaqif Sadıqov was appointed Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Among other issues, his portfolio included relations of Azerbaijan with UNESCO, UN Alliance of Civilizations, and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and issues of multicultural and intercivilisational dialogue.

In October 2010, Vaqif Sadıqov was appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Italy and Permanent Representative to the Rome-based UN Agencies (FAO, WFP, International Fund for Agricultural Development). He was also accredited as Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Malta and San Marino.

In January 2016, Vaqif Sadıqov was appointed Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva. In that period, he participated in many UN conferences and events on human rights, migration, labour issues, humanitarian law, development. During the same period, Vaqif Sadıqov was elected ILO Government Group chairperson, UNCTAD Trade and Development Board vice-president, chairman of UNECE 2020 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, chairman of the NAM Geneva Chapter, etc.

On 26 August 2021, Vaqif Sadıqov was appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Kingdom of Belgium. On 15 September 2021 he was appointed Head of Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the European Union.

Vaqif Sadıqov is married and has two children.