

## Maria Ludovica Agrò

Born in Rome on 23 March 1954, married, with three children

Graduated cum laude in Political Sciences at University of Rome *La Sapienza*, she is specialized in European Studies and International Legal Dispute Settlements.

Since 1980 she has had several posts in the Public Administration related to political and legal aspects of industrial policy at national and EU level before being appointed, in 1995, Head of the division competent for International and Community Trademarks.

Since June 2002 she has been leading as Director the Italian Patent and Trademark Office and in 2007 appointed as Director General of IPTO

From 2002 to 2006 she was Member of the Italian Committee in charge of drafting the Industrial Property Rights Code.

In 2003 she was appointed Chairman of Budget and Finance Committee at the European Patent Office.

Since 2007 she has been Chairman of The Hague Assembly for the current biennium.

As a President of an *Ad Hoc* Working Group for patent valuation set up in 2005 she successfully concluded a project to develop a patent valuation methodology jointly adopted with banks and Industry. She has now the responsibility for implementing a National Innovation Fund aiming to finance innovative projects based on patents.

For her commitment in the struggle against counterfeiting she was conferred an honour by the French Republic and she was also honoured for her career achievements by the Italian Republic.

As Official Auditor she acts in Public Bodies