

William Gatward was appointed Representative of the United Kingdom on the ICAO Council in January 2026.

Mr. Gatward is a diplomat with significant experience in international affairs. He joined the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in 1999 and has served in Vienna twice, Berlin and Brussels, in addition to roles in London.

Mr. Gatward has extensive experience of multilateral diplomacy and the United Nations (UN) system. From 2016-2021, Mr. Gatward was the UK Deputy Permanent Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, a UN Specialised Agency, and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization in Vienna. Between 2008 and 2010, he led the FCDO UN Institutions Team, co-ordinating the UK's approach to the financing and reform of the UN system and managing UK engagement in the UN Third and Fifth committees in New York. Between 2021 and 2025, Mr. Gatward served as Head of Strategic Threats at the UK Delegation to NATO.

In these roles, Mr. Gatward has worked closely with other Member States and international staff to strengthen the UN and uphold the rules-based international order. His efforts promoted international security and global development, including the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.