Disarmament, Vice-Chairman of the UN Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, and Vice-Chairman of the UN Committee on Decolonisation.

Desra's performance in his current and previous roles has been characterised by his commitment to multilateralism. He views the great issues of the day from an international perspective, not simply from a national one, and plays his part in crafting global responses to global issues. In so doing, he is ever-faithful to the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter – the document that, more than any other, sets the standard for international relations.

Indeed, at a time of multi-dimensional global crisis with nations increasingly turning inwards, international law and multilateral cooperation have assumed ever-greater importance. Desra holds strongly to this values-based approach to guiding state