

# Russia's Long-Time Permanent Representative to the UN Has Died in New York

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**Vitaly Churkin / Vkontakte**

Vitaly Churkin, Russia's permanent representative to the United Nations since 2006, died suddenly in New York City on Monday, a day shy of his 65th birthday.

The New York Post [reported](#) that Churkin was taken ill "with heart problems," quoting sources. He was pronounced dead at 10:55am local time, the same sources added.

Russia's Foreign Ministry has yet to comment on the circumstances of his death.

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