



Diplomatic protocol

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Diplomatic representation

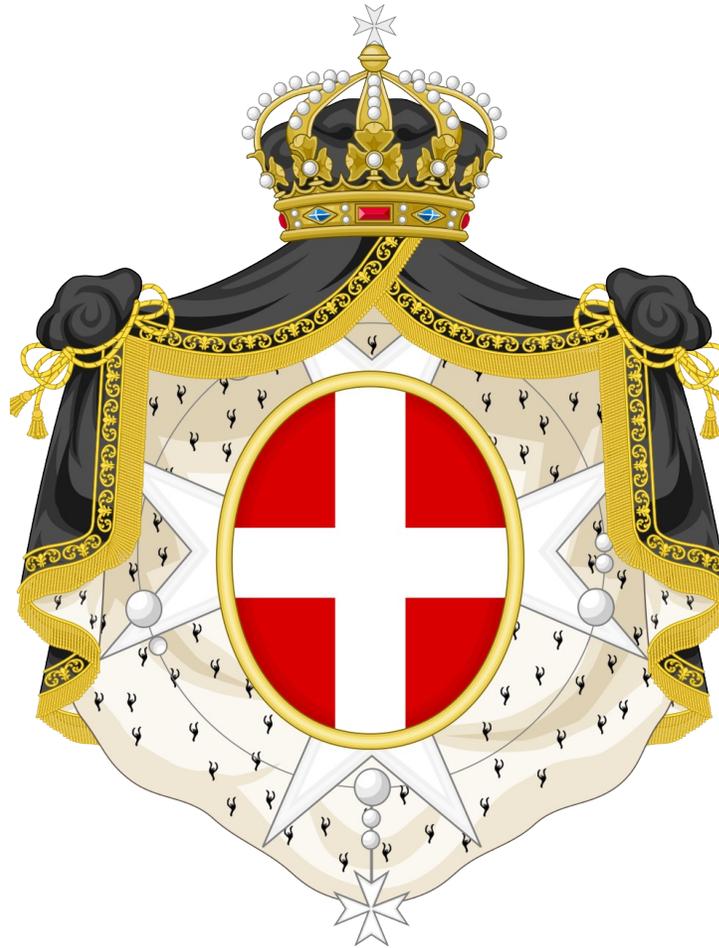
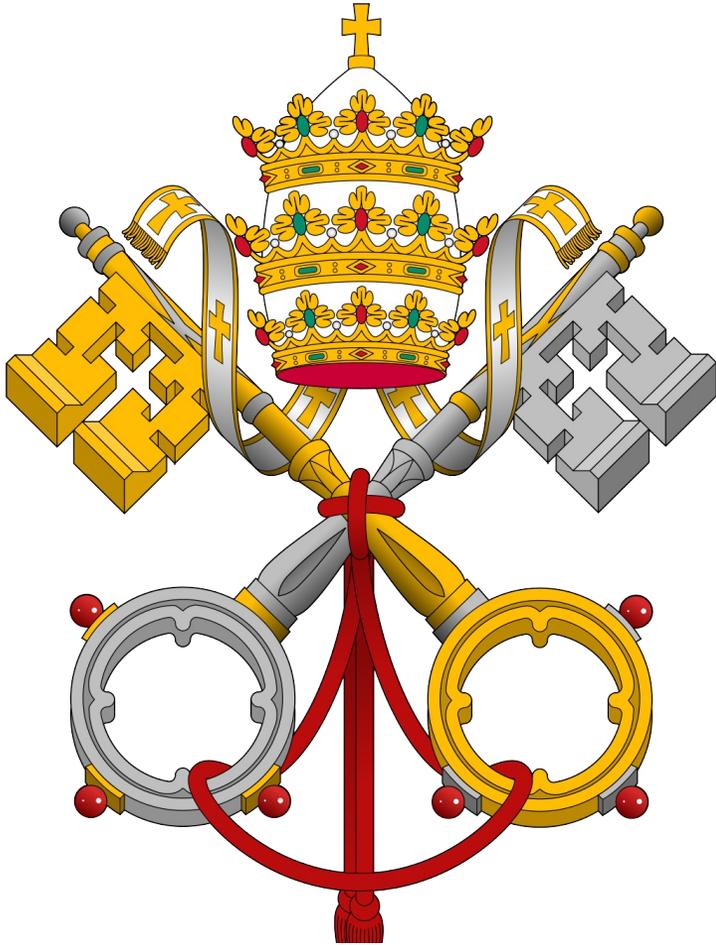
- Diplomatic representation is a permanent government body operating outside its borders. They are created by the ambassador and the diplomatic mission coordinated by him.
- States create bilateral diplomatic representations with other countries and multilateral representations with international organizations of which they are members.
- The representative representation of the state may act on the basis of the other solely for its performance and in keeping with the principle of mutual reciprocity.
- However this does not mean that both countries have to have embassies in the state capital.



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Diplomatic relations



- Diplomatic relations are maintained by sovereign states, that is, states with territory, population and government.
- The establishment of diplomatic relations is also a mutual recognition of sovereignty.
- Exeptions:
Holy See and Sovereign Military Order of Malta

Permanent diplomatic mission

- 1455 – first permanent diplomatic mission of Milan in Republic of Genoa.
- In XVII century France had 20 embassies.
- System in Europe: permanent legations or embassies, and legations entrusted with court missions.
- Envoy/ ambassador plenipotentiary
- Ordinary envoy/ ambassador
- Extraordinary envoy/ ambassador



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The functions of a diplomatic mission

- (a) representing the sending State in the receiving State;
- (b) protecting in the receiving State the interests of the sending State and of its nationals, within the limits permitted by international law;
- (c) negotiating with the Government of the receiving State;
- (d) ascertaining by all lawful means conditions and developments in the receiving State, and reporting thereon to the Government of the sending State;
- (e) promoting friendly relations between the sending State and the receiving State, and developing their economic, cultural and scientific relations.



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VIENNA CONVENTION
ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Done at Vienna
On 18 April 1961

UNITED NATIONS

Head of the mission

Heads of mission are divided into three classes, namely:

- (a) that of ambassadors or nuncios accredited to Heads of State, and other heads of mission of equivalent rank;
- (b) that of envoys, ministers and internuncios accredited to Heads of State;
- (c) that of charges d'affaires accredited to Ministers for Foreign Affairs.



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The head of the mission is considered as having taken up his functions in the receiving State either when he has presented his credentials or when he has notified his arrival and a true copy of his credentials has been presented to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the receiving State, or such other ministry as may be agreed, in accordance with the practice prevailing in the receiving State which shall be applied in a uniform manner.

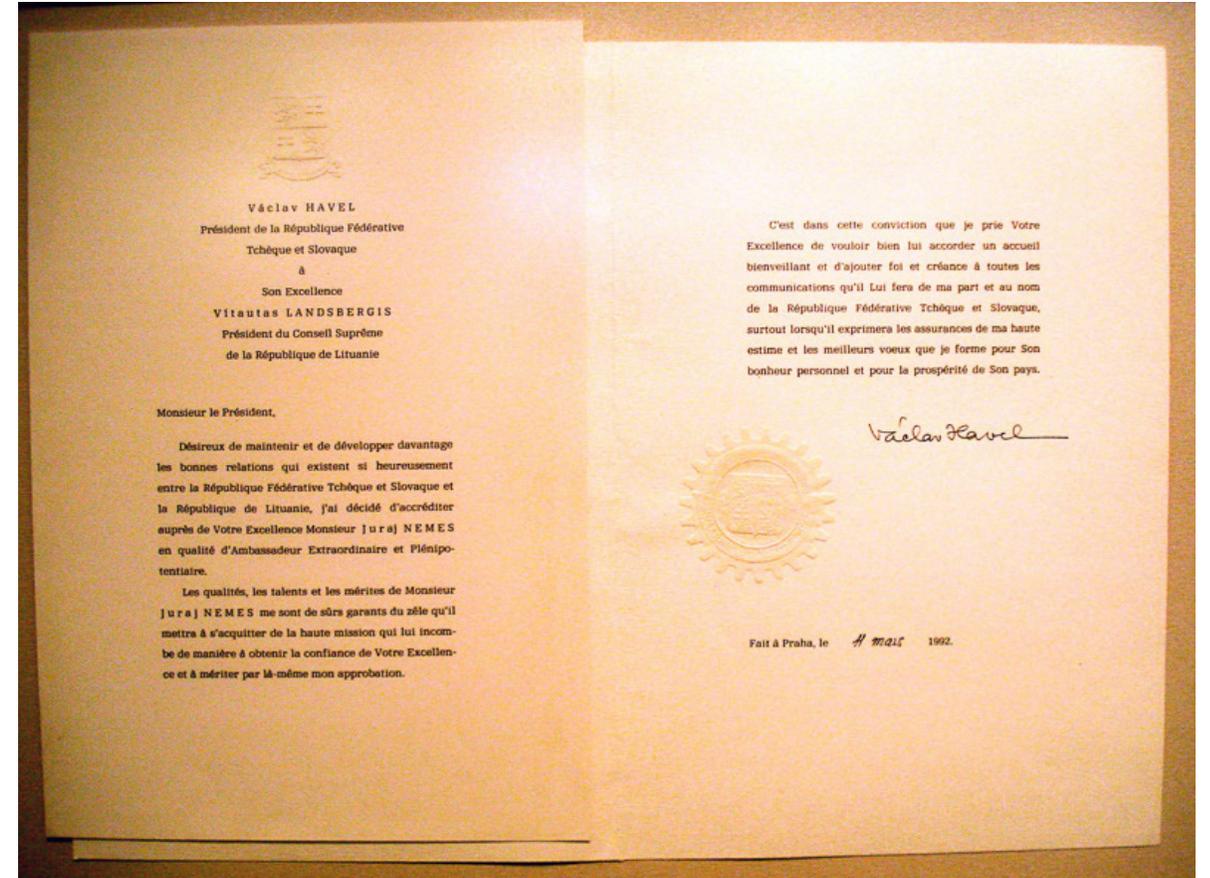


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Letter of credence

- A letter of credence (French: Lettre de créance) is a formal diplomatic letter that designates a diplomat as ambassador to another sovereign state





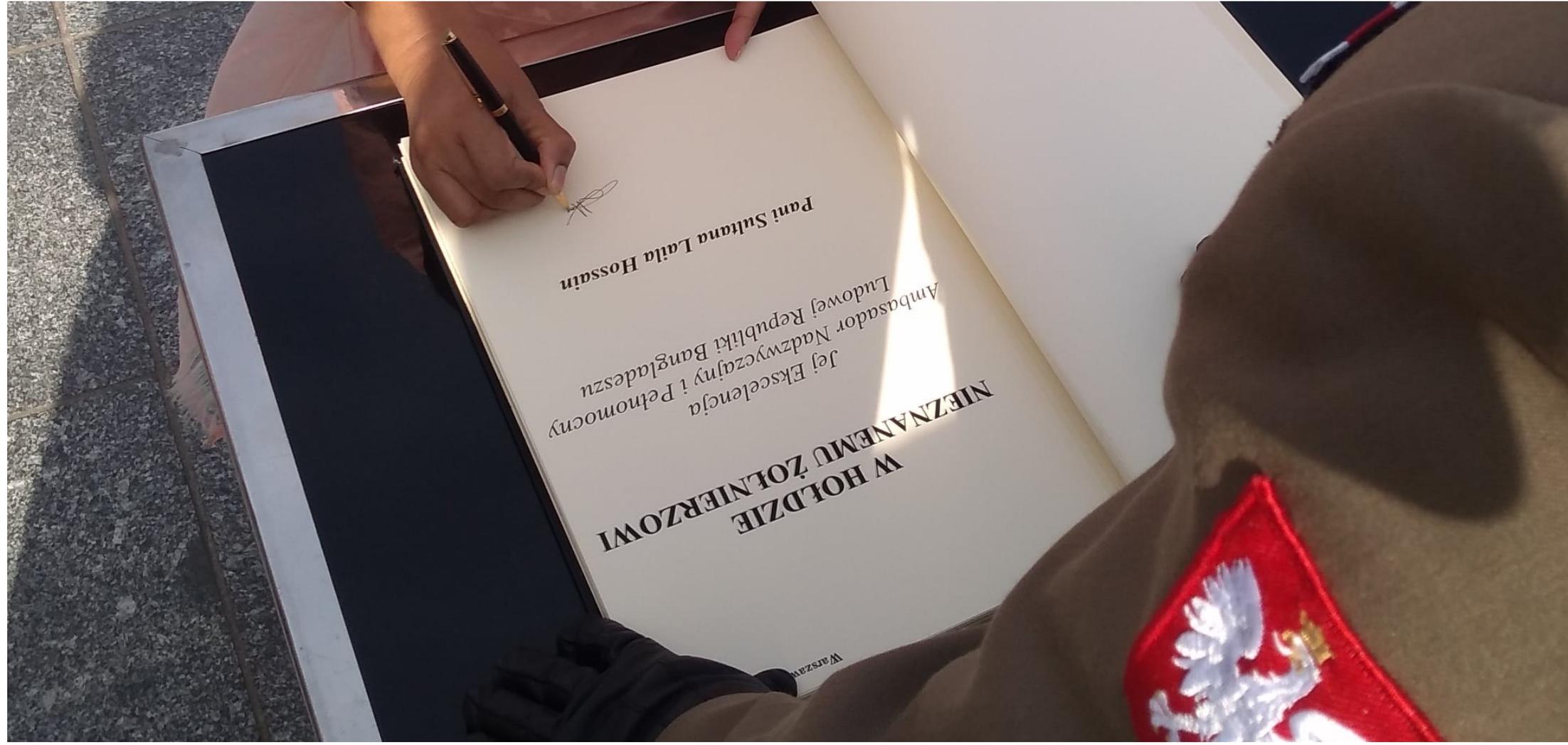
Ambassador accreditation













Ambassador of India presents his letter of credence to President of Mongolia

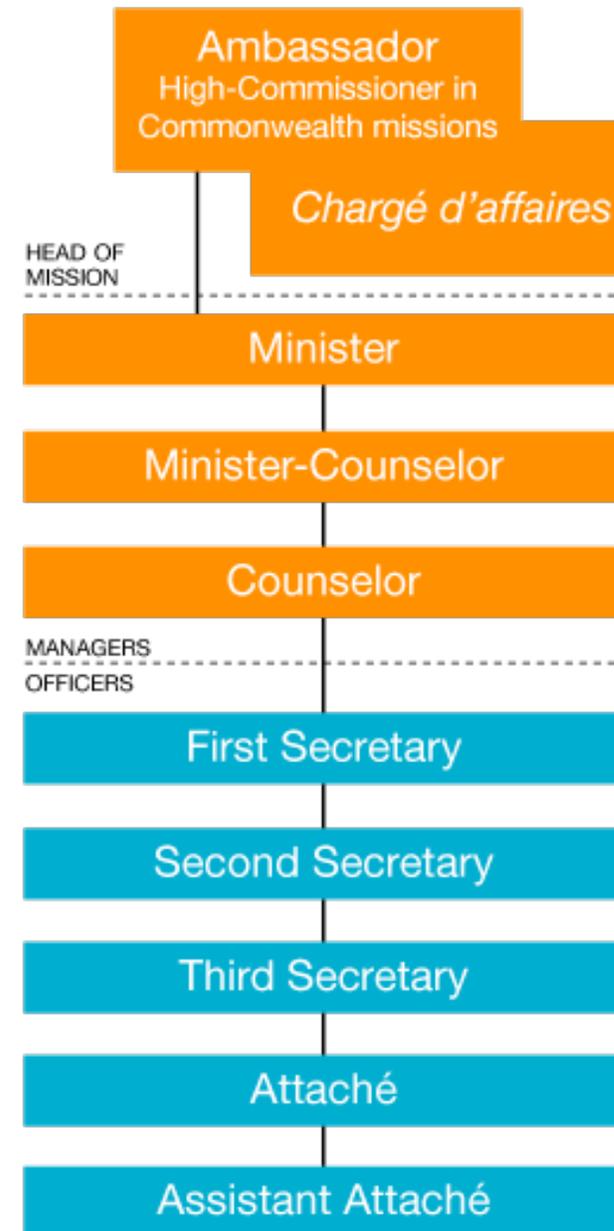


Personel of the mission. Diplomatic ranks

- Ambassador
- Minister
- Minister-counsellor
- Counsellor
- First secretary
- Second secretary
- Third secretary
- Attaché
- Assistant attaché

Diplomatic Hierarchy

Some positions may not occur in smaller missions



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Personel of diplomatic mission

- Members of the diplomatic staff of the mission should in principle be of the nationality of the sending State.
- Members of the diplomatic staff of the mission may not be appointed from among persons having the nationality of the receiving State, except with the consent of that State which may be withdrawn at any time.



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The receiving State may at any time and without having to explain its decision, notify the sending State that the head of the mission or any member of the diplomatic staff of the mission is persona non grata or that any other member of the staff of the mission is not acceptable. In any such case, the sending State shall, as appropriate, either recall the person concerned or terminate his functions with the mission. A person may be declared non grata or not acceptable before arriving in the territory of the receiving State.



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Thank you for attention

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