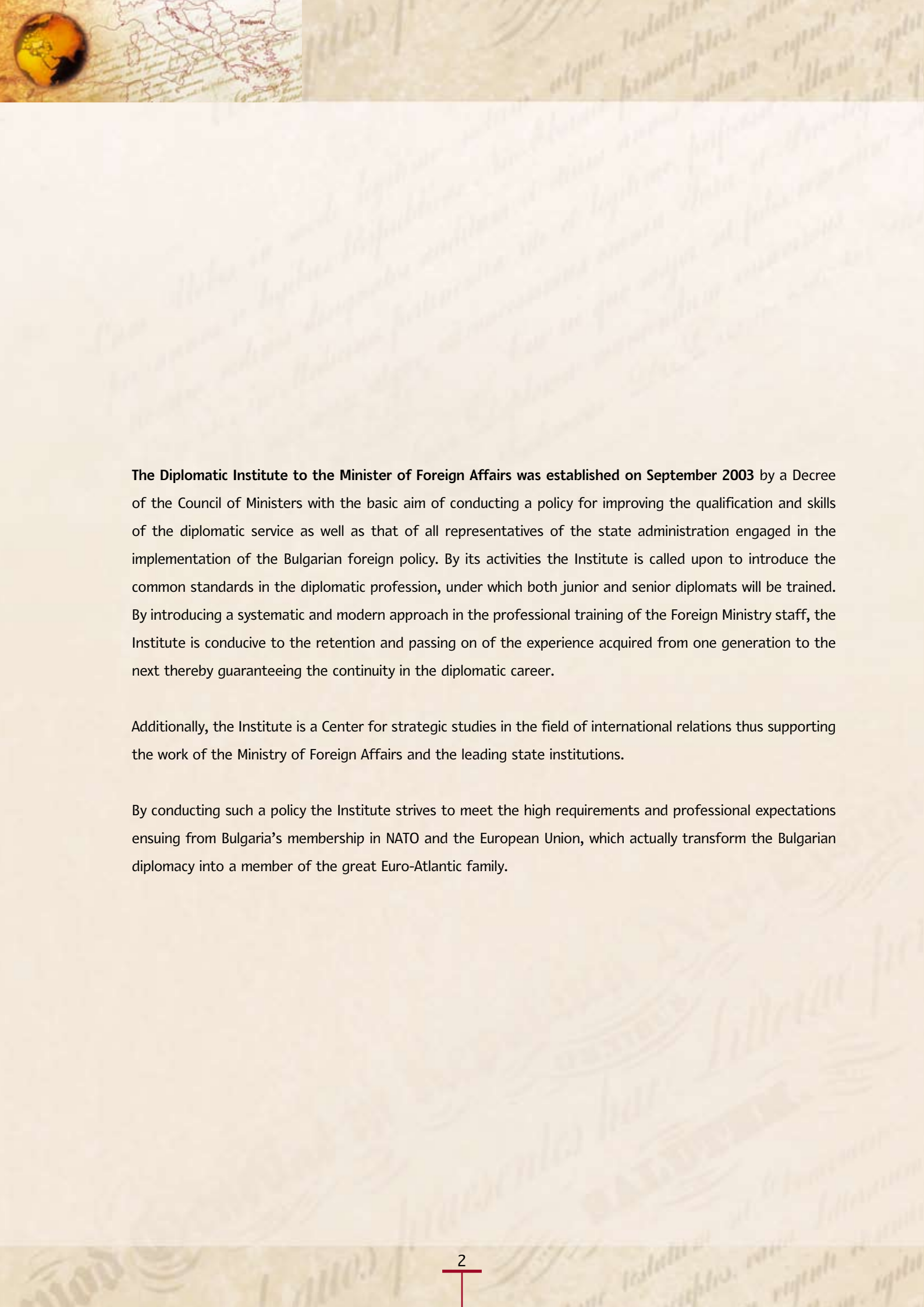


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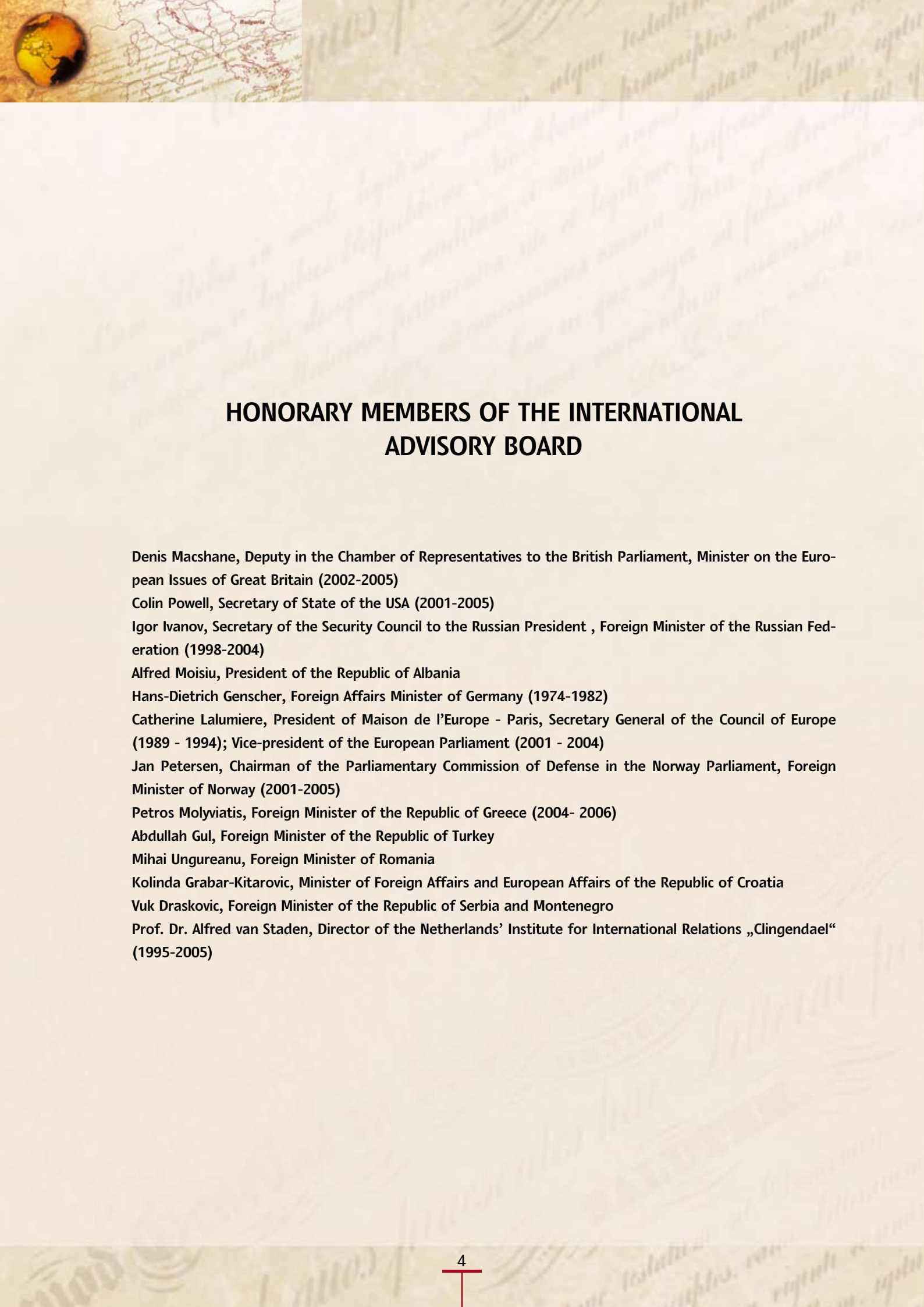
**The Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs was established on September 2003** by a Decree of the Council of Ministers with the basic aim of conducting a policy for improving the qualification and skills of the diplomatic service as well as that of all representatives of the state administration engaged in the implementation of the Bulgarian foreign policy. By its activities the Institute is called upon to introduce the common standards in the diplomatic profession, under which both junior and senior diplomats will be trained. By introducing a systematic and modern approach in the professional training of the Foreign Ministry staff, the Institute is conducive to the retention and passing on of the experience acquired from one generation to the next thereby guaranteeing the continuity in the diplomatic career.

Additionally, the Institute is a Center for strategic studies in the field of international relations thus supporting the work of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the leading state institutions.

By conducting such a policy the Institute strives to meet the high requirements and professional expectations ensuing from Bulgaria's membership in NATO and the European Union, which actually transform the Bulgarian diplomacy into a member of the great Euro-Atlantic family.



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**Jan Petersen, Chairman of the Parliamentary Commission of Defense in the Norway Parliament, Foreign Minister of Norway (2001-2005)**

**Petros Molyviatis, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Greece (2004- 2006)**

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**Vuk Draskovic, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Serbia and Montenegro**

**Prof. Dr. Alfred van Staden, Director of the Netherlands' Institute for International Relations „Clingendael“ (1995-2005)**

## ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



## ADDRESS BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE



The Diplomatic Institute to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is a factor in the professional development of the civil servants involved with international relations and foreign policy issues. The success of the Institute is based on the precise selection of course attendees, the strict assessment criteria and the competent lecturers. The contribution of the Institute to the development of the Bulgarian Diplomatic School and its worldwide prestige is still to be acknowledged. I wish the team vitality and courage with the up-to-date education they provide and more as well as good friends.

Дипломатическият институт при Министерска на външните работи на Република България е призван да служи на каузата на националната външна политика. Във всичките форми, в които намира израз неговата дейност - обучително-квалификационна, публично-информативна или аналитично-проучвателна - крайната ѝ цел е да подпомага и стимулира развитието и усъвършенстването на българската дипломация: компетентността и уменията на нейните представители, престижа и ефективността на нейното присъствие на международната сцена.

У нас, на Балканите, в Европа или в света Дипломатическият институт работи за България!

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Заместник-министър председател  
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Директор на Дипломатическия институт



## TRAINING POLICY

The training program targets diplomatic personnel and representatives of the state administration, involved in the planning and implementation of Bulgaria's foreign policy. The aim of this policy is to enhance the competitiveness of the Bulgarian diplomatic staff in compliance with the requirements and responsibilities ensuing from Bulgaria's membership in the European Union and NATO.



H.E. Mr. Giovan B. Campagnola, Ambassador of Italy, lecturer in the Basic Diplomatic Course of the Diplomatic Institute

### BASIC COURSE IN DIPLOMACY FOR JUNIOR EMPLOYEES AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY

This is a 14-weeks course. It is aimed at increasing the participants' knowledge and developing those practical skills necessary for their operative diplomatic practice. The training structure alternates lectures with interactive exercises.



Graduation of the Basic Diplomatic Course

#### The basic modules of the course are:

- Bulgaria's foreign policy - history and contemporary priorities
- International law and human rights
- The EU and European integration
- Diplomacy and security policy
- Regional diplomacy
- Multilateral diplomacy
- Bilateral diplomacy
- Public diplomacy
- Consular relations
- Economic diplomacy
- Diplomatic Protocol
- Negotiation Skills

The lecturers in this course are senior diplomats from the MFA, academic lecturers, researchers from the non-government sector, representatives of the foreign embassies accredited in Sofia, as well as lecturers from the Institute's International Partnership Network.

The course ends with the preparation of a Policy Paper on a topical foreign policy issue and its defense before an examining board from the MFA.



Junior MFA employees visiting the Parliament



H.E. Mr. John Beyrle, the U.S. Ambassador, lecturer in the Basic Diplomatic Course of the Diplomatic Institute

### SPECIALIZED DIPLOMATIC COURSE FOR MID-CAREER DIPLOMATS

The course for mid-career diplomats is conducted within the framework of one year, split into separate short-term thematic modules. The purpose of the Institute is to offer the senior diplomats a variety of modules on topical themes from diplomacy and foreign policy. There are three to five seminars and modules annually and the themes are selected with regard to either Bulgaria's foreign policy priorities or the Institute's areas of research:

- Crises prevention and management
- Comparative political studies and European political systems
- EU Common Foreign and Security Policy
- Energy diplomacy
- Public diplomacy
- Development policy
- Regional policy
- Terrorism - the new challenge in the system of international relations
- Intercultural communication



*H.E. Mr. Koichiro Fukui, Ambassador of Japan, lecturer in the Basic Diplomatic Course*

## COURSE IN CONSULAR DIPLOMACY

This is a permanent module in the training-qualification policy of the Institute, which is conducted twice a year - in spring and autumn.

The course is targeted towards employees of the state administration whose work is related to consular problems. During their training course the participants are acquainted with the basic international and national legal documents - the Vienna Conventions for diplomatic and consular relations, the Schengen legislation, the Law for sojourn of foreign nationals in Bulgaria, as well as the overall visa practice, the problems of refugees and migration, legalization of documents, illegal trafficking, etc. The course also offers practical experience in the visa center to the MFA.

Lecturers in this course are experts from the „Consular Relations“ Directorate to the MFA, representatives of different services of the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Justice, the State Agency for the Bulgarians Living Abroad, senior diplomats - consular experts from the embassies of EU member states and NATO, etc.



*Course of Consular Diplomacy*

## COURSE IN DEFENSE DIPLOMACY

The program is prepared jointly with the cooperation of the Military Academy and the Ministry of Defense, using the experience accumulated by the international partners of the Institute. Its participants are representatives of the military and civilian administration of the Ministry of Defense and the diplomatic service. The course has one-month duration and is carried out twice a year - in



*Course of Defense Diplomacy*



spring and autumn.

On the basis of its experience, the Institute strives to achieve the statute of an official certifying institution in defence attaché mandate training. Many national and foreign organizations - partners of both the Institution and the Defence Academy have declared their interest in attending the course, hence the forthcoming opening of the program in English.

**Basic modules:**

- Problematics of defence diplomacy
- Legal framework of defence diplomacy
- Negotiation skills
- International organisations in the security sector
- The role of the European Union for security in the Balkans
- Public diplomacy



## TRAINING COURSE IN DIPLOMACY FOR POLICE ATTACHES

Its basic aim is acquainting the participants with the specificity of diplomatic activity, the acquiring of the required skills, as well as broadening of the knowledge of the attaches for work in an international environment. The course has one-month duration, discontinuing work and is carried out twice a year - in spring and autumn. Our partner in preparing the training program is the Academy to the Ministry of Interior.

**Basic modules:**

- Legal base
- Police cooperation and the role of universal and specialized international organizations:
- Schengen
- Europol
- Interpol
- OSCE - political-military aspect
- Stability Pact
- UN
- European integration
- Fight against the organized crime
- Drugs and human trafficking prevention (refugee flows)
- Fight against terrorism
- Classified Information and how to handle it
- Diplomatic service - diplomatic protocol, correspondence and public relations
- Management and coordination skills



## BASIC COURSE IN DIPLOMACY FOR MFA GENERAL ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES

As the participants in the Basic Diplomacy Course are from the specialized administration only, this training is designed for the rest of MFA employees. Its aim is to enhance their knowledge of current foreign policy priorities and introduce them into the art of correspondence, protocol, etc. The duration of the course is one month.



#### Basic modules:

- Bulgarian foreign policy - current tendencies, priorities in foreign policy, institutional coordination
- Basic themes in European integration
- The role of Bulgaria in the Balkans
- Bulgarian participation in international organizations
- Consular relations
- Diplomatic protocol
- Correspondence
- Access to information

### TRAINING IN EU ADMISSION PROCEDURES

The duration of the course, which is held in Sofia, is one week. It is organized with the assistance of the European Training Center (CEFEC), in Brussels. The course is designed for both the civil servants of the state administration and the rest of the Bulgarian citizens.

The program includes all the themes from EU admission tests and sample tests exercises.



### COURSE IN DIPLOMACY FOR MEMBERS OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION

The Institute has the task to carry out specialized diplomatic training for members of the state administration, involved in the conducting of the Bulgarian foreign policy. In implementation of this program for training and qualification the Institute, carries out courses for representatives of all ministries for increasing their foreign policy and diplomatic competency.

#### The basic modules of the course are:

- Multilateral diplomacy
- Bulgaria's bilateral relations (countries in the region and EU member states),
- European Union law,
- Bulgaria's participation in EU institutions,
- EU negotiation skills,
- Leading international organizations,
- Diplomatic protocol.

### PROGRAM FOR TRAINING OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS

The objective of this program is for Bulgaria to share its diplomatic experience from the negotiations held for EU accession, for membership in NATO, in the UN Security Council, and the presidency of the OSCE, as well as regarding the regional cooperation in South East Europe. These training courses are coordinated with the Foreign Ministries of the respective countries. The Institute has organized courses for diplomats from Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kosovo.



Course for Afghan diplomats

The program includes issues of international law, international organizations and diplomatic practice. The programs vary from one week to one-month duration and are conducted mainly by Bulgarian lecturers.



Winter School of Diplomacy, Sandanski

## WINTER SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY

The Diplomatic Institute, the Central European Initiative and the Hanns Seidel Foundation organize a Winter School of Diplomacy for junior diplomats from the Balkan countries and the Black Sea region - Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Armenia, Turkey and Moldova. The themes include security in South Eastern Europe and the Black sea region issues, as well as EU policy towards the Western Balkans and Black sea region countries.

## TRAINING COURSE IN DIPLOMACY FOR TRADE REPRESENTATIVES

The course is intended for employees of the Ministry of Economy and Energy Resources, whose activity is connected with carrying out Bulgaria's trade and economic policy abroad. Issues such as the foreign policy priorities of Bulgaria, bilateral diplomacy, the EU policies, public diplomacy, globalization, etc., are included in the program. The main accent in this training is the acquisition of skills for conducting trade negotiations, doing embassy work, utilizing different mechanisms for participation in the EU institutions, etc. The course has one-month duration, discontinuing work.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING AND PROGRAMS

Each academic year the Diplomatic Institute offers the MFA employees foreign language courses for beginners, intermediate and advanced learners, conducted from September to June. The Institute provides permanent training in 7 languages, namely: English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian and Arabic. The language training is carried out in cooperation with:

- The „Fulbright“ Bulgarian-American Commission for Educational Exchange - for English.
- French Institute for Cultural Exchange in Sofia (Institut francais de Sofia) - for French.
- Goethe-Institute for German.
- The Italian Cultural Institute for Cooperation - for Italian.
- The Russian Cultural-Information Center for Russian.
- The Department of Language Learning to Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridsky“ - for Arabic.
- The „Cervantes“ Institute - for Spanish.

Depending on the needs of the diplomatic service the Institute periodically organizes courses in Greek, Turkish, Portuguese, Czech, Polish, Romanian, Serbian, Croatian, Albanian and other languages.



Foreign language courses

## RESEARCH POLICY

The research program of the Diplomatic Institute is a function of the foreign policy interests of Bulgaria and of the Bulgarian allied policy as a NATO and EU member state.

The ambition of the Institute to organize and implement research programs and projects led to the establishment in 2006 of a new Department „**Strategic research**“. Its work is in accordance with the programs of leading international schools. At the same time, the Department is developing its

**The research programme is structured into basic priority sectors:**

1. Western Balkans
2. The Black sea area and the Caucuses
3. The European Union - main policies and the participation of Bulgaria
4. The European Union and Turkey
5. The Near and Middle East



*Balkan Meeting of research centers and institutes in Sofia*

A new strategic priority is gaining force in relation to the geopolitical concept of Eurasia.

The intensive cooperation and exchange of researchers within the rapidly growing partner network of organizations from the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Germany, UK, Greece, Turkey, Romania will soon be enriched with new contacts with Ukraine, Serbia, Kosovo, Russia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, etc.

own expert criteria, encouraging cooperation with a broad range of partners from other state institutions, the academic diaspora, NGOs and international institutions. The methods the „**Strategic research**“ Department use are think-tank groups, brainstorming seminars, round tables, participation in meetings and conferences organized by other national and international partner institutions, as well as the introduction of up-to-date analytical tools. The outcome - reports, analysis and studies - are forwarded to the MFA leadership, the Presidency, the Council of Ministers and the Parliament.





## COOPERATION POLICY

The planning and carrying out of the training and research activities of the Diplomatic Institute is an integral part of the creation of a broad Partnership Network.



Annual meeting of the directors of the Diplomatic Institutes

- of experts in think-tank groups
- Exchange of experience in organizing library activities
- Providing participation in conferences, symposia and round tables
- Cooperation in exchange of visits and lecturers by renown public figures
- Exchange of publications
- Joint research projects

An example of the Institute's effective cooperation is that with the **Netherlands' Institute for International Relations „Clingendael“**, which has been its main strategic partner for the period 2004 - 2007. Thanks to its support and shared experience the Diplomatic Institute has laid a sound foundation for the successful accomplishment of its activities. The common initiatives are realized with the financial aid of the MATRA program of the Royal Netherlands MFA.

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Diplomatic Institute strives to adopt the best practices by drawing on the exchange of practical experience in the working out of training programs and the selection of highly competent lecturers.

The greater part of international contacts has been made for the purpose of stimulating the research and publications activity of the Institute. Hence, the fields of cooperation are defined in a very broad frame, the agreements varying according to the priority areas between the partners involved in training, research and publications.

Most often both sides share mutual interest in the following areas:

- Exchange of experience and joint working out of programs and training modules
- Exchange of materials and lecturers
- Joint specialized training courses for diplomats or other civil servants
- Participation



Cooperation with the Foreign Service Institute, India

The expanding of the partnership network at a **regional level** aims at the successful adoption of common standards, compliant to those of the EU and NATO, within the frame of the diplomatic service training that will represent the countries of Southeastern Europe as a reliable and constructive partner.



Zdravko Popov, Director of the Diplomatic Institute (2003-2006) with Prof. Jaap de Zwaan, Director of the Netherlands Institute for International Relations Clingendael

In this relation the Diplomatic Institute has signed Memorandums with:

- The Diplomatic Institute to the MFA of Romania
- The Foreign Service Training Center to the MFA of Turkey
- The Diplomatic Academy to the MFA of Croatia
- The Diplomatic Academy to the MFA of Greece
- The Diplomatic Academy to the MFA of Serbia and Montenegro

The Diplomatic Institute is an active participant in the **European Regional Group** sessions of diplomatic



Prof. Milan Milanov, Director of the Diplomatic Institute is signing an agreement with the Diplomatic Academy of Serbia

- The Institute of Public Administration in Dublin, Ireland
- The Federal Academy for Security Policy in Berlin
- The Federal Academy of Public Administration, Berlin
- The Diplomatic Academy of the Ukraine

Our Institute constantly strives to expand its network of partnerships and to **enlarge the geographic scope** of its relations with:

- The Foreign Service Institute to the US State Department
- The Chinese University for International Relations to the MFA of China
- The Foreign Service Institute to the Ministry of Ex-

schools, as well as in the annual meetings of the directors and deans of the Diplomatic Institutes and Academies. The deepening and expanding of European cooperation is among the target priorities of the Institute, as it provides the exchange of experience in the organizing of training and research programs.

In this connection the Diplomatic Institute maintains close cooperation with:

- The Geneva Center for Security Policy, Switzerland
- The National School of Administration (ENA), France
- The Royal Institute for International Relations of Belgium IIRI-KIIB
- The Norwegian Foreign Service Institute
- The College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium
- The Diplomatic Institute to the MFA of Italy
- The Pontifical Academy to the Holy See, the Vatican
- The Diplomatic Academy to the MFA of the Russian Federation



Agreement for Cooperation with the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA), France



Cooperation with the Federal Academy for Public Administration of Germany-branch Berlin

- Internal Affairs of India
- The Bureau for Personnel Training and Development to the MFA of Israel
- Galilee College Israel
- The Institute for Diplomatic Studies to the MFA of Egypt
- The Diplomatic Academy „Andres Bello“ to the Ministry of External Relations of Chile
- The Diplomatic Academy „Rio Branco“ to the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil
- The Institute for Higher Diplomatic Studies „Pedro Gual“ to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Venezuela
- The Institute „Matias Romero“ to the Secretariat on External Relations of Mexico
- The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in the USA
- The Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Se-



curity to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of South Korea

- The Institute for Diplomatic Service to the Ministry of External Relations, to the Ministry of External Relations, International Commerce and Religions of Argentina
- MFA Training Center in Indonesia
- The Diplomatic Institute for training and education to the MFA of Tunis



*Dr. Denis MacShane, member of the International Consultative Board on a meeting with the staff of the Diplomatic Institute*

## COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### Priority areas:

Participation of lecturers in the courses for junior and foreign diplomats;

Visits for the purpose of training Bulgarian diplomats;

Establishing joint organization and coordination of a special module on multilateral diplomacy;

- Division of Public Diplomacy to NATO, in Brussels
- The UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
- The Council of Europe
- The Intergovernmental Agency of the Francophony
- The George Marshall Center in Germany. The Diplomatic Institute is a member of the Partnership for Peace Consortium to the George Marshall Center.
- The Central European Initiative
- The College for European Security Policy and Defense in Brussels
- The European Union Institute for Security Studies in Paris



*Agreement for cooperation with the Intergovernmental Agency of the Francophony- Paris*

## COOPERATION WITH UNIVERSITIES, RESEARCH AND INFORMATION CENTERS, NGOS

### Priority areas

Exchange of information and joint research projects  
Organizing of seminars, round tables and other interactive forms of training and exchange of experience  
Exchange of guest lecturers and organizing of public lectures

- The „Hanns Seidel“ Foundation, Bavaria, Germany
- The Italian Society for International Organizations (SIOI), Italy
- The University „Robert Schuman“ in Strasbourg, France
- The Center for International and European Economy Law (CIEEL), Greece
- The Center for Strategic Research (SAM) to the MFA of the Republic of Turkey
- Alliance „France - Bulgaria“ in Paris, France
- The European Institute of the Mediterranean in Barcelona, Spain
- The European Center for the Development of the Vocational Training (CEDEFOP), Greece
- The „Moshe Dayan“ Center for Middle East and African Studies in Tel Aviv, Israel
- The European Academy - Berlin, Germany
- The Institute for International Public Law and International Relations (IIPILIR) in Thessaloniki, Greece
- The Institute for International and Strategic Relations (IRIS), France
- The French Institute of International Relations (IFRI), Paris, France
- The „Science and Politics“ Foundation in Berlin, Germany



Cooperation with the Moscow State Institute for International Relations (MGIMO)

- The Research center for Southeastern Europe, Munich, Germany
- Institute of International Politics and Economics (IIPE), Belgrade
- Moscow State Institute of International relations



Fifth Euro-China Forum, Sofia

## NATIONAL COOPERATION

The Diplomatic Institute sets up and consolidates the network of national partnerships in the carrying out of its activities.. This involves governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as academic institutions that work in the field of international relations and security policy.

- **Interministerial cooperation**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defence have an approved program for cooperation in the area of training, professional qualification and human resources development of the two institutions. The purpose of the agreement for training specialists in the field of security is realized by the Diplomatic Institute and the Military Academy.

The Diplomatic Institute has a similar agreement for cooperation with the Police Academy to the Ministry of Interior, and the Institute for Public Administration to the Ministry of State Administration and Administrative Reform; for conducting qualification courses for their personnel.

- **Leading Universities**

such as the New Bulgarian University( NBU), the Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“, the University of National and World Economy(UNWE), the South-West University „Neofit Rilski“ in Blagoevgrad;

- **Non-governmental Organizations**

Foundations and other institutions engaged in associative and public activity among which the Centre for the Study of Democracy, Economic Policy Institute, the Atlantic Club in Bulgaria, The European Institute, The International Information Centre for Balkan studies, The Black Sea - Adriatic Association, the Balkan Political Club, Centre for South Eastern studies, the Slaviani Foundation, the Federation for friendship with the peoples of Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Bulgarian Diplomatic Society.



Cooperation with Galilee College, Israel



## PUBLIC POLICY

The public activities promoted by the Institute are multilateral and have the common aim of popularizing its initiatives and affirming its contribution in the field of diplomatic staff qualification and the implementation of research projects in the sphere of international relations. These activities have the aim of involving the civil society in the topical international policy issues.



Lecture by Monsignor Justo Mullor Garcia, President of the Pontifical Diplomatic Academy

Secretary of the WEU;

**Monsignor Justo Mullor Garcia**, Chairman of the Papal Diplomatic Academy

**Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration to the Republic of Croatia

**Jean Claude Trichet**, President of the Central European Bank

**Prof. David Gosset**, Director of Academia Sinica Europaea - Shanghai

**Emilia Muller** - Minister for Federal and European Affairs of Bavaria

**Willy Claes** - NATO Secretary General (1994-1995) and former Foreign Minister of Belgium

**Alfred Moisiu**, President of the Republic of Albania



## PUBLIC LECTURES

The goal of the annual series of Public Lectures organized by the Diplomatic Institute is its desire to accentuate on the topical foreign policy issues. The guest lecturers are renowned scholars, leading politicians, and diplomats whose expert opinion and strategic views on the topics is a significant contribution both to the Bulgarian as well as to the international political and diplomatic ideas. Among the lecturers whose public lectures have been hosted by the Diplomatic Institute so far, are (in chronological order):

**Simeon Saxe-Coburg Gotha**, Prime Minister of Bulgaria, (2001-2005)

**Willem van Eekelen**, former General

**Catherine Lalumiere**, President of the House of Europe - Paris

**Hashim Taci** - Chairman of the Democratic Party of Kosovo

**Dr. Denis Macshane**, Deputy in the Chamber of Representatives to the British Parliament and Honorary Member of the International Advisory Board of the Diplomatic Institute

**Meglana Kuneva**, Bulgarian Minister for European Affairs (2002-2006) and present European Commissioner



Lecture by Jean-Claude Trichet, President of the European Central Bank

## FORUMS, CONFERENCES AND ESSAY CONTESTS

The Diplomatic Institute organises and participates in many forums, conferences, round tables:

- First annual conference of the Balkan partners' network of research centres and institutions - Sofia - „Balkan Conference on Regional Cooperation and the European Perspective for the Balkans“.
- Fifth Euro-China Forum - Sofia, with the cooperation of Academia Sinica Europaea - Shanghai.
- Round table „Kosovo and regional stability“ - Sofia.
- German - Bulgarian symposium „How Bulgaria's membership in the EU affects Germany“ - Berlin
- Bulgarian-French symposium „The challenges of membership: what kind of Bulgaria in Europe“ - Paris - under the Bulgarian Accession Communication Strategy.
- Lecture „South Eastern Europe - the road towards Europe“ by Deputy Foreign Minister Lyubomir Kyuchukov before the Institute of European



*Delivering of the book of essays about NATO to the NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer*

Affairs in Dublin - under the Bulgarian Accession Communication Strategy.

The Diplomatic Institute maintains close communication with Universities and high schools. This, on its part, helps the organisation of the national essay contests:

- „What would be my mission if I become NATO Secretary General“ - the Institute has published a collection of 14 best essays
- „Challenges and threats to security in the 21st century: the role of NATO“
- „UNESCO's mission in the 21st century“
- „50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of Rome - what will the EU be?“



*Franco-Bulgarian Symposium, Paris*

## THE RADIO BROADCAST „DIPLOMAT BY PROFESSION“

„Diplomat by Profession“ is a weekly broadcast, organised jointly by the Diplomatic Institute and Darik Radio.



This initiative was started at the beginning of 2005 with the aim to present more adequately the real essence of the diplomatic profession to the non-specialized audience.

It has four rubrics - **Diplomatic News, Personality in Diplomacy, Diplomatic Practice and Consular Advice.** Ministers, Deputy Foreign Ministers, Bulgarian ambassadors, representatives of the Diplomatic corps in Bulgaria, Bulgarian and foreign experts in the field of international relations, guests and lecturers in the Institute have been guests in the program.





## LIBRARY

For its purposes and programs the Institute maintains a public library where specialized materials in the field of international relations, European integration, security issues, international organizations, diplomacy, law, history, sociology, political science and economy, etc. are compiled, processed and offered.

The Library provides a web-based **E-Catalogue** at the following address: <http://diplom.ilib.primasoft.bg/index.bg.asp>

The library has at its disposal online full text EBSCO Host database, providing information in the field of humanities and social studies. The collection includes eleven data-bases, such as Academic Search Premier, ERIC, MasterFILE Premier, Newspaper Source, and Regional.

The Diplomatic Institute library maintains contacts and cooperation with professional library and information



„International politics“ and „Bulgarian Diplomatic Review““ and publishes materials related to the Institute’s activities - public lectures and research elaborations in each issue.

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT THE DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE

The Diplomatic Institute aims at introducing Bulgarian students to the world of international relations and diplomacy. This program was introduced with the establishing of the Institute and has the objective of giving its participants concrete practical skills and experience in a real working environment.

## OPEN DOORS PROGRAM

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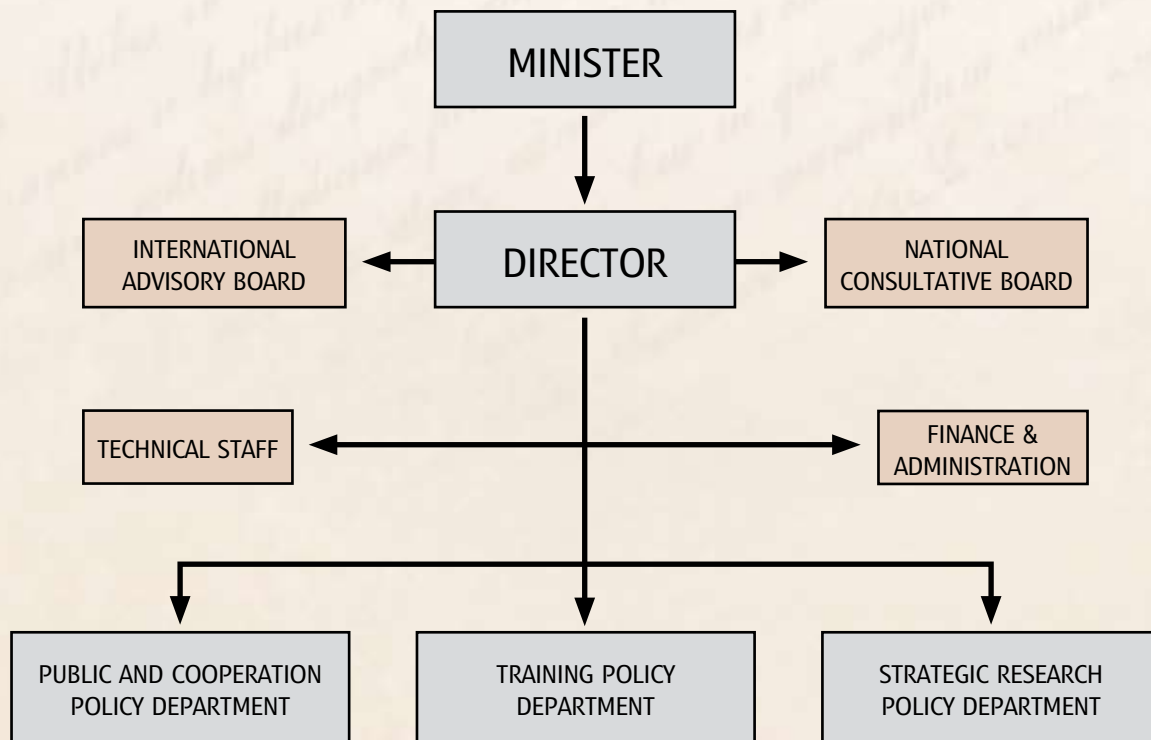
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