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Petr Macinka is the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; he was appointed to the position on 15 December 2025. He is the founder and chairman of the political party *Motoristé sobě*. From 2008 to 2013, he served at the Office of the President of the Republic as Head of the Press Service and Deputy Director of the Press Department. Between 2013 and 2025, he worked as a manager at the Václav Klaus Institute. In October 2025, he was elected a Member of the Parliament of the Czech Republic. He is a graduate of political science and international relations at CEVRO University.

Jiří Brodský (Czechia)



Jiří Brodský is the First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. From 2005 to 2013, he worked at the Office of the President of the Czech Republic as Deputy Director of the Foreign Department, where he focused on European Union and NATO affairs. He subsequently served as Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Denmark from 2013 to 2017 and as Ambassador to Mongolia from 2017 to 2021. He worked in the Asia and Pacific Department as Head of the South and Southeast Asia Division and Coordinator of the Czech Republic's Presidency of the Council of the EU. He studied

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Mario Lubetkin (Uruguay)



Mario Lubetkin assumed office as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay on 1 March 2025. During his career, he held several senior positions within FAO, including Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, Assistant Director-General, Chief of Staff to the Director-General, and Director of the Office of Corporate Communication. Prior to his work at FAO, he served as Director-General of the international news agency Inter Press Service (IPS) from 2002 to 2014. He has over forty years of experience in international and strategic communication and development cooperation. He has worked as an advisor and coordinator of international projects for governments of several European and Latin American countries, UN organizations, and academic institutions.

Marek Libřický (Czechia)



Marek Libřický is the Director General of the Security and Non-European Countries Section at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, having previously served multiple times as Director of the Asia and Pacific Department. He has been in the diplomatic service since 1994, holding various positions, including Deputy Ambassador in the Philippines and Spain, and Head of the Economic and Commercial Section at the Embassy in Israel. He served as Ambassador to Ethiopia (with accreditation to several other countries in East Africa), and later as Ambassador to Thailand and Laos. He is a graduate of the Prague University of Economics and Business.

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José Antonio Arróspide del Busto is President of the EU–LAC Foundation. He is a career diplomat from Peru with experience in the Peruvian Foreign Service and in multilateral diplomacy. He has served as Ambassador of Peru to the European Union as well as to Belgium, the Netherlands, France and Romania, and as Deputy Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations in New York. He has broad experience in regional integration and multilateral

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Vicente Francisco Albornoz Guarderas is Ambassador of the Republic of Ecuador to the Federal Republic of Germany (with concurrent accreditation to the Czech Republic). He holds a master's degree in economics and has extensive experience in academia, public policy, and economic analysis. Mr. Albornoz Guarderas has served as Dean of the Faculty of Economics at Universidad de las Américas in Quito and as Director of the economic think tank CORDES. He has also been a member of the government's advisory board on economic affairs and served as a member of the National Congress of Ecuador. He has also been active as a media commentator, hosting a television programme focused on economic issues.

Edita Hrdá (Czechia)



Edita Hrdá is a Czech diplomat with experience in European affairs, Latin America, and multilateral diplomacy. She has held several high-level positions in the MFA in Prague, she has led the Czech Mission to the United Nations in New York, served as Ambassador to Argentina and Paraguay, headed the Czech Representation to the EU (COREPER II) during the period of the Czech EU Presidency. In the EU she served as Senior Director/Managing Director for the Americas at the European External Action Service (EEAS). As of 2025, she serves as the Czech Government Envoy for the Balkans, coordinating inter-

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João Pedro Taborda (Embraer)



João Pedro Taborda is Embraer's Vice President for Government Affairs in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, responsible for institutional relations and engagement with governments and international organizations. With more than twenty years of experience in aviation, public policy, and international business development, he played a key role in strengthening the company's presence in Europe. He holds a degree in mechanical engineering and master's degrees in technology management and engineering policy from Instituto Superior Técnico, as well as a master's in diplomacy and international relations from the Geneva School of Diplomacy. Mr. Taborda also serves as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Lisbon School of Economics & Management and is a member of the Portuguese Diaspora Council.

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Iván Contente Marques serves as Secretary for Multidimensional Security at the Organization of American States (OAS). He is a specialist in public security and human rights, with extensive experience across the public and private sectors in strategic planning, citizen security, human rights protection, and violence reduction. His career includes senior roles in Brazilian public institutions, civil society organizations, and international networks, as well as recent work as a United Nations consultant and Executive Director of the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA). In 2018, he was awarded the title of Grand Officer of the Order of Merit for Public Security by the Presidency of the Republic of Brazil.

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Radka Konderlová is Director General of the Industrial Cooperation Division at the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic. She has held senior positions at the Ministry of Defence, the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and international institutions, including the European Patent Office and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). She also has experience in the private sector. She holds degrees from the Prague University of Economics and Business, and an MBA from IAE Lyon School of Management.

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