



Vienna Convention On Diplomatic Relations

Done at Vienna, on 18 April 1961¹

The States Parties to the present Convention,

Recalling that peoples of all nations from ancient times have recognized the status of diplomatic agents,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

For the purpose of the present convention, the following terms shall have the meanings hereunder assigned to them:

- (a) the ‘head of the mission’ is the person charged by the sending State with the duty of acting in that capacity;
- (b) The “members of the mission” are the head of the mission and the members of the staff of the mission;

Article 2

The establishment of diplomatic relations between states, and of permanent diplomatic missions, takes place by mutual consent.

Article 3

Nothing in this Convention shall be construed as preventing performance of consular functions by a diplomatic mission.

Article 4

The sending State must make certain that the agreement of the receiving State has been given for the person it proposes to accredit as head of the mission to that State.

Article 5

The sending State may, after it has given due notification to the receiving States concerned, accredit a head of mission or assign any member of the diplomatic staff more than one State, unless there is express objection by any of the receiving States.

Article 6

Members of the diplomatic missions should in principle be of the nationality of the sending States.

¹ *Modified from original convention*

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