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Module IV: Lesson 18 Permanent Missions to the United Nations

Missions, Embassies & Consulates

- **Diplomatic mission** is a group of people from one state or intergovernmental organization present in another state (or organization) to represent the sending state.
- A **permanent** diplomatic mission (vs. delegation) is usually called an **embassy**.
- “Embassy” refers to the diplomatic mission, not the building (**chancery**).

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- A **consulate** is a diplomatic office that addresses individual persons or businesses.
- The head of the consulate is usually the **Consul General**
- Diplomatic missions to the UN are called **Permanent Missions**

Embassies

- The person in charge of the embassy is the **Ambassador**
- If a new ambassador has not yet been assigned (during changes of government and other similar instances) the head of the mission is usually the **Charge D’Affaires**
- Where countries do *not* have formal diplomatic relations, a nation may set up an “**interests section**” in a friendly nation (for example the “Iranian Interests Section of the Pakistan Embassy in Washington, DC) or a stand-alone such as the United States Interests Section in Havana.



[Photo by: Stevenbedrick](#) The US Interests Section in Havana, Cuba. Taken during licensed travel to Havana during February of 2007.)

Ambassadors

- **Diplomatic titles and ranks** were first established at the Congress of Vienna (1814) and the Congress of Aix-la-Chapelle (1818)
- **“Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary”**—historically deemed the personal representative of the Sovereign or Head of State
- Sometimes countries also appoint highly respected individuals as **Ambassador at Large** who are assigned specific responsibilities, and they work to advise and assist their governments in a given area

Ambassadors

- Highest ranking diplomats sent abroad to represent their country's interests
- They are either career diplomats or non-career political appointees
- When they first arrive at their post, they “present their credentials” to the Head of State in the host country, or in the case of the UN, to the Secretary-General
- Before the development of modern communications, ambassadors were entrusted with extensive powers
- Today they tend to be spokespersons for their foreign offices

Diplomats in UN Missions

- Head of Mission
- Charge D’Affairs
- Multiple Ambassadors
- Large Missions and Small
- Collecting & Reporting Information
- The NGO Focal Point

Missions to the UN

Are embassies, with a focus on...

- Multi-lateral relations
- International law
- Security
- Development issues
- Information gathering and sharing