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Main Programme

Cooperative defence R&T in Europe – a way ahead

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Born in Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz on 28 November 1960.
Degree in Law from the University of Sevilla.
Joined the Spanish Foreign Service in January 1985.

1985:

Started his diplomatic career as Head of Subsection for Pacific and Security Agreements in the General Directorate of Foreign Policy for North-America and Pacific in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1986:

Joined the General Directorate for International Affairs of Security and Disarmament as Head of Subsection for politico-military affairs.

1987:

Became Director for Atlantic Affairs in the same General Directorate.

1988 -1993:

Posted at the Spanish Delegation at NATO where he was responsible for politico-military matters (DPC, DRC, EWG, NPG, Eurogroup, Alerts Committee etc...) and acted as Spokesman.

1993 – 1995:

Appointed Cultural and Cooperation Counsellor at the Spanish Embassy in Brazil.

June 1995:

Returned to the General Directorate for International Affairs of Security and Disarmament for the Spanish Presidency of the European Union, to deal with all matters concerning the Security Working Groups of the CFSP (Common Foreign and Security Policy) and of the WEU.

January 1996 - May 1996:

Diplomatic Adviser to the Spanish Minister of Defence.

May 1996 - October 1999:

Director of the Private Office of the NATO Secretary General.

October 1999 - July 2004:

Minister Counsellor at the Spanish Embassy in Italy and Governor of Spain at the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

August 2004 - August 2005:

Minister Counsellor at the Spanish Embassy in Morocco.

September 2005 - July 2008:

Deputy Director General. European and North American Foreign Policy General Directorate

August 2008 – August 2010:

Director General for United Nations, Global Affairs and Human Rights.

August 2010 – January 2011:

Director General for Multilateral Affairs.

February 2011- May 2014:

Ambassador of Spain to the Republic of the Philippines, to the Republic of Palau, to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and to the Federated States of Micronesia.

May 2012:

Alternate Governor of Spain during the 45th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank

May 2014- February 2015:

Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE

As of 1 February 2015:

Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency

Other professional and academic positions:

- Elected member of the Academic Advisory Board of the NATO Defence College (Rome) 2006-2008.
- Masters Certificate of the Public Management Leadership Program (IESE, Madrid) 2007-2008.
- Diploma of 69th course of NATO Defence College in Rome.
- Has written several articles on politico-military and defence issues in Spanish periodicals.

Languages:

- Spanish: mother tongue
- English: bilingual
- French: bilingual
- Italian: fluent, both written and spoken

Decorations:

- Spanish Cross of Naval Merit (first class)
- Commander and Officer of the Spanish Orders of the Civil Merit and of Queen Isabel la Católica
- Commander with degree of the Orders of the Civil Merit and of the Order of Queen Isabel la Católica.
- Grand-Officer of the Order of Al-Wissam (Morocco)
- Grand-Officer of the Order of La Stella (Italy)
- Third Degree Knight Commander of Rizal, Order of the Knights of Rizal
- Grand Cross, Order of Sikatuna, gold distinction. Republic of the Philippines.

Jorge Domecq is married and has two daughters.