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Since 1 May 2020, Charles Fries is the Deputy Secretary-General for Peace, Security and Defence in the European External Action Service. From 2012 to 2020, he served as Ambassador of France to Morocco, then Turkey. He was also French Ambassador to the Czech Republic (2006-2009). Previous appointments include Diplomatic Advisor to the French Prime Minister (2009-2012), Advisor for European Affairs to the French President Jacques Chirac (2002-2006) and to the French Foreign Minister (1993-1995). Charles Fries held a number of other senior positions in the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister Office, including Secretary-General for European affairs.

