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VICE ADMIRAL HERVÉ HAMELIN

Deputy Chief of Defence for International Relations

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Vice Admiral Hervé Hamelin entered the Naval Academy in 1988.

He became a fighter pilot after completing the US Navy course in 1995.

Totalling more than 3000 flight hours and about 500 Carrier landings, he has been involved in several major operations including in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Libya.

He has been commanding officer of a Super-Etendard squadron, executive officer of the anti-air warfare frigate Jean Bart and commanding officer of the frigate Courbet.

Planning expert at the French Joint Strategic Headquarter from 2006 to 2008, he was also the French member of the Multinational Interoperability Council (MIC) Operations Working Group.

From September 2010 until July 2012, he was Commander of the Carrier Air Group and the Naval Strike Warfare Center. During his commitment, he led the operations of the Air Wing over Afghanistan and Libya.

From 2012 to 2015, he was Commanding Officer of Landivisiau Naval Air Station. In 2016, he graduated from the *Royal College of Defence Studies* in London.

From 2016 to 2019, he was the Head of Strategy and Policy at the French Naval Staff, Paris.

Until 2021, he was deputy director, International Security Affairs, at the DGRIS (Directorate general – International relations and Strategy) and Maritime Security Coordinator for the French Ministry for the Armed Forces.

He has been Defence Attaché in the United Kingdom from 2021 to 2024.

Promoted Vice Admiral on January 2024, he is now Deputy Chief of Defence for International Relations.

"Officier de la légion d'honneur", *"Commandeur dans l'ordre national du mérite"*, he received one "War Cross" and three "Value Cross".

Graduated from the War College, he holds an Executive MBA from HEC Business School. He is married and has 4 daughters.

