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AMBASSADOR AUDRA PLEPYTĖ

Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

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Ambassador **Audra Plepytė** is a distinguished Lithuanian career diplomat with more than three decades of service in international relations, multilateral diplomacy, and European security policy.

On 15 July 2025, she assumed the role of **Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania**. In her capacity as Vice-Minister, Ambassador Plepytė is responsible for international security policy, including the deployment of German brigades in Lithuania, efforts to counter hybrid threats, and the strengthening state borders. Her



mandate also covers transatlantic cooperation, the EU's Eastern Neighborhood Policy, Lithuania's relations with Eastern European, South Caucasus, and Central Asian countries and advancing Lithuania's strategic partnership with Ukraine.

From May 2021 to 2025, Ambassador Plepytė served as **Ambassador of Lithuania to the United States of America and to the United Mexican States**. During her tenure in Washington, D.C., she was recognized for her staunch support to Ukraine amid Russia's aggression, receiving the 2025 "Friend of UNIS" Award from the Ukrainian National Information Service.



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Between 2017 and 2021, Ambassador Plepytė was **Lithuania's Permanent Representative to the United Nations**. In this role, she led negotiations, represented Lithuania in key multilateral processes, and was elected President of the UNICEF Executive Board in 2021.

Previously, she served as **Lithuania's Ambassador to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) (2018–2021), Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, the Argentine Republic and to the World Tourism Organization (2010–2014)**. Her earlier senior positions include Director the European Union Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2014–2017), Head of the International Missions and Conflict Prevention Division (2008–2009), Director of the Human Resources Department at the MFA (2009–2010), Deputy Representative to the EU Political and Security Committee (2004–2008), and Head of the Human Rights and NGOs Division (2003–2004).

Born in Vilnius, Ambassador Plepytė graduated from the Vilnius University with a Master of Philosophy degree in 1993. She also holds diplomas in international relations from the Institute of International Relations and Political Science at the Vilnius University (1992–1994) and in diplomatic relations from the Oxford University (1995–1996).

Her service has been recognized with several national and international honors, including the Royal Order of Isabella the Catholic (2015, Spain), the Cross of the Knight of the Order for Merits (2003, Lithuania) and the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit (1998, Norway).