

DIPLOMATIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES¹

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ABSTRACT: *An approach to the status and potential of diplomacy in the new international political environment. The new opportunities for interaction between states and societies have, in fact, generated a process of professionalization of the diplomatic area. Foreign policy can be seen as a set of public policies of a state meant to achieve, especially on peaceful ways, its international objectives, most often aiming at the security of the state, economic well-being, prestige and influence. Diplomacy, on the other hand, is the institution or the sum of those activities and practices whose main purpose is to carry out the foreign policy of a state through a distinct professional body.*

The paper also shows some main aspects of the Romanian foreign policy. Romanian diplomacy must value the position of the Romanian state at the external border of the EU and NATO, with the awareness of the risks and opportunities resulting from this geopolitical position.

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