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The document was signed by Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria Miroslav Sestovic and Ms Amina Mesdoua, Director General of the Institute of Diplomacy and International Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

The goal of the Memorandum is to develop cooperation in diplomatic education and training, exchange of experiences, teaching methodologies applied at the diplomatic academies, as well as to enhance cooperation between the two countries' Foreign Ministries.

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Ambassador spoke about the relations between R. Serbia and the European Union and the steps having been taken in the accession process, as well as about the importance of the EU as a participant in international relations.

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In this context, Acting Assistant Foreign Minister for bilateral cooperation Ambassador Goran Aleksic spoke about the bilateral relations between the Republic of Serbia and the United States of America. Ambassador Ljiljana Milojevic Borovcanin gave a lecture on the Republic of Serbia's relations with both neighbouring countries and countries of the region, while Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for the EU Dejan Ralevic informed students about the course and the dynamics of Serbia's European integration process.

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Speaking of the major foreign policy priorities of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, Minister Dacic particularly emphasized: opening of accession negotiations and negotiating chapters for European Union membership, last year's OSCE Chairmanship of the Republic of Serbia, cooperation with key partners in international relations, development of good neighbourly relations and preservation of stability in the region, dialogue with Pristina, building a modern Serbia committed to the preservation of peace and respect for international law.

After the lecture, the Serbian Foreign Minister answered the students' questions, underlining Serbia's specific position and role on the international scene, as well as the significance of its diplomatic activities at the current political juncture.

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Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Republic of Serbia, H.E. Shrimati Narinder Chauhan, held a lecture titled "India and Serbia-India Relations" within the course "International Relations and Foreign Policy of the Republic of Serbia" of the Basic Diplomatic Training Programme in 2015–2016 to the attendees of the Diplomatic Academy and interested diplomats.

After a promotional film about India's history and culture, Ambassador Chauhan spoke about

religious, linguistic and ethnic pluralism of this globally extremely relevant country. She presented the development of India's industrial and economic potential and comprehensive principles of India's foreign policy, pointing out that it is cooperation-oriented, particularly within the G20, BRICS, participation in relevant international organisations and trade with the European Union.

She paid special attention to the development of relations between India and Serbia, emphasising India's traditional openness to our country, along with the existing possibilities for the development of economic cooperation, particularly in the field of technology.

Answering the participants' numerous questions, she highlighted the importance of great possibilities in the form of positive effects of additional political, economic and cultural advertising, i.e. creating a Serbian national brand in India, with the aim of exchanging experiences and enriching all aspects of bilateral cooperation.

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#### **LECTURE OF THE AMBASSADOR OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, H. E. ALEKSANDAR CHEPURIN, AT THE DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY**

The Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Serbia, H.E. Mr. Aleksandar Chepurin, delivered a lecture to the trainees of the Diplomatic Academy on "Relations between the Republic of Serbia and the Russian Federation and More Recent History of Russia".

This has been one in a series of lectures given by the Ambassadors accredited to Serbia, which are organized within the Basic Diplomatic Training Program for 2015/2016 – course "International Relations and Foreign Policy of the Republic of Serbia".

After the welcoming address by the Head of the Diplomatic Academy, Ms. Mirjana Milosavljevic, Ambassador Chepurin talked about the important events from the recent history of international relations which had a crucial impact on shaping the Russian Federation's current foreign policy position.

Referring to the geopolitical, economic and security aspects of contemporary international relations, Ambassador Chepurin put special emphasis on the relations between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Serbia.

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