

**PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO THE HEAD OF STATE BY DESIGNATED
AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS/ REPRESENTATIVES OF
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

1. *Following the arrival of the Designated Ambassador/High Commissioner/ Representative of International Organization, he/she will call on the Director of Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will hand over copies of the Letter of Recall of his/her predecessor and his/her own Letter of Credentials. The Desk Officer will be present.*

2. *At the ceremony of presentation of Credentials, the Designated Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization may be accompanied by not more than two members of the staff of his/her Mission/Organization and/or by the Honorary Consul of his/her country, if so desired.*

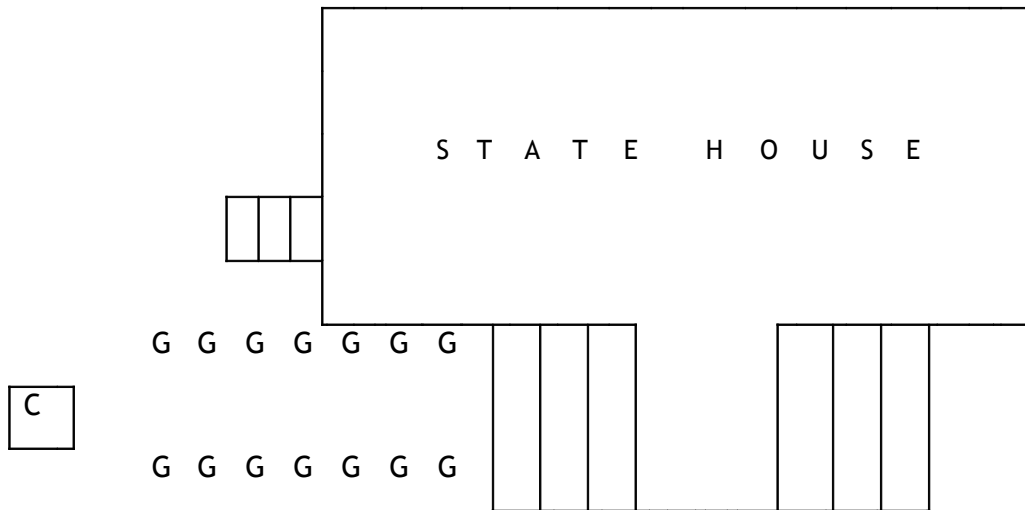
Spouses do not attend the ceremony.

3. *The prescribed attire for the ceremony will be smart casual (i.e. short sleeves for gentlemen) for the Ambassador and for all persons taking part in the event. However, if the Designated Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization so desires, he/she may dress in traditional or military attire.*

4. *The Protocol Officer will meet the Designated Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization at his/her place of residence or hotel or at his/her Diplomatic Mission and accompany him/her to State House in the Ministry's official car which will be escorted by two Police Outriders. The car pennant of the Sending State or International Organization will be flown on the car of the Designated Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization.*

5. *Upon arrival at State House, the car of the Designated Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization will stop about a metre from the red carpet where a 14 strong Guard of Honour, 7*

on each side, will stand at attention as soon as the car stops. They will “Present Arms” the Designated Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization will walk through.



6. *The Designated Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization will be greeted by the Chief of Presidential Protocol at the head of the steps leading to the ‘Grann Kaz’.*
7. *Accompanied by the Chief of Presidential Protocol the Designated Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization and his/her suite, enter the ‘GrannKaz’ and proceed to the ‘Salon d’Accueil’.*
8. *The Chief of Presidential Protocol will introduce the Designated Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization to other representatives of the Republic of Seychelles (Minister of Foreign Affairs or Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Secretary of State of the Office of the President of the Republic of Seychelles, Chief Press Secretary of the Office of the President and the Desk Officer for the country of the accrediting Diplomat.*

13. *Immediately after the announcement by the Chief of Presidential Protocol the Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization will move three steps forward, bow and say:-*

“MR PRESIDENT,

***I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PRESENT THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY
PREDECESSOR AS WELL AS MY CREDENTIALS WHICH ACCREDIT ME TO
YOU AS AN AMBASSADOR/HIGH COMMISSIONER/REPRESENTATIVE OF
.....***

TO THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES”.

14. *The Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization (with both hands) present the Letter of Credence and Letter of Recall of his predecessor to the President of the Republic of Seychelles.*

There will be no speech made on the occasion.

15. *The President of the Republic formally accepts the Letters and shakes hands with the Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization (both pause for a souvenir photo).*
16. *The Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization will introduce the members of his/her suite to the President of the Republic of Seychelles.*
17. *After the introductions, the President of the Republic of Seychelles invites the Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization and members of his/her suite for a brief meeting in the ‘Salon des Gouverneurs’.*

18. *After the meeting, the Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization and his/her suite take leave of the President of the Republic of Seychelles and, accompanied by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or the Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs proceed to the 'Salon d'Accueil' to sign the visitor's book (photos are taken).*
19. *The Director of Protocol accompanies the Ambassador through the Guards of Honour.*
20. *The Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization calls on the Vice President.*
21. *Afterwards, the Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization will briefly meet the representatives of the local press for a short interview.*
22. *The Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization will then use his official car to return to his/her residence or go to his/her next meetings. Non Resident Ambassador/High Commissioner/Representative of International Organization will have a chauffeur-driven car at his/her disposal for the duration of the visit.*