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### SPEAKER BIO

#### **Ms. Emanuela Claudia Del Re, EU Special Representative for the Sahel**



Emanuela C. Del Re has always been engaged in foreign policy carrying out intense activities such as negotiations, researches, international observation, publishing, and in her political activity in her capacity of Deputy Foreign Minister of Italy. becoming a point of reference for communities and institutions in many parts of the world.

Elected Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies in March 2018 sitting until June 2021 when she resigned because she has been appointed EU Special Representative for the Sahel.

Former Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in both President Giuseppe Conte Government I (from August 2018 to September 2019) and President Giuseppe Conte Government II (from August 2020 to February 2021).

Former Secretary of State to Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in both President Conte Government I (from June to August 2018) and President Conte Government II (from September 2019 to August 2020).

She has been a member of the Foreign Affairs Commission at the Italian Parliament (until June 2021).

In April 2021 she has been appointed President of the Standing Committee on the implementation of Agenda 2030 and sustainable development (until June 2021).

Italian scholar, sociologist, she is an expert in foreign policy, international relations, geopolitics, Conflict Studies, migrations, refugee issues, minorities, religious phenomena, connection axes and energy networks.

She has carried out long researches on field in conflict areas and areas in transition since 1990 (with grants), following the social-political-economic transformation of countries and regions in Africa, the Balkans, the Caucasus, the Middle East and other. In witnessing the crises, she has given a voice to the populations from political representatives to the victims, through her publications, documentaries and academic activity as well as with her active participation in international fora.

Tenured researcher, she has obtained the title of Associated Professor in Sociology by the Italian Min. of Education and Research in 2014. She has been Jean Monnet Professor and course co-coordinator on “European Culture(s), Citizenship(s) and Governance” in the Faculty of Communication Sciences of the University La Sapienza of Rome, where she has taught for many years. Lecturer in various Italian and international masters and PhD courses organized by prestigious institutions.

She has been Researcher at the European University Institute (1997 -2000) and Research Fellow at the University of Rome “La Sapienza” (2001-2003).

Elected National Coordinator of the Section of Sociology of Religion of the Italian Sociological Association (2017-2020), she has created “Mondoreligioni-World of Religions”, an initiative promoting interreligious dialogue as a form of conflict prevention and resolution, focusing on citizenship awareness.

She has been International Electoral Observer for the UN, EU, OSCE in more than 15 missions (Algeria, Yemen, South Africa, Bosnia Herzegovina, Kenya, Kosovo, Ukraine and others).

Member of the secretariat of the Forum for Cities in Transition active in more than 40 cities in conflict areas (2010-2018) with a focus of negotiating activities in divided cities aiming at the construction of an effective governance as a form of development and stabilization. Creator of synergy networks between local institutions, governmental institutions, civil society and universities in many countries and conflict areas with intense personal interaction with numerous communities. Founder and president (until 2017) of EPOS, active in conflict areas with projects for the reconstruction of the civil society and governance (in particular for refugees and welcoming communities).

Member of the scientific committee and editing board, and regular contributor of various leading scientific magazines, including “Limes, Italian Geopolitical Review”. She is the director of the Book Series “Globalitical”, ARACNE, Rome. Vice-Director of the academic first-class Review “Religioni e Società” (Religions and Society). Editor-in-Chief of the academic review “Journal of International Cooperation and Development”.

Panelist and speaker in many international fora. Reference-consultant for international institutions, research institutes and others. Member of numerous think tanks, institutes and organizations ECFR, IAI and others).

Presenter of papers, Keynote speaker, Chair and Organizer of panels and sessions in several conferences and seminars. Director and author of video- documentaries. Author of several books and essays.

Author of numerous essays and volumes on the themes of her researches and experiences. Director of film-documentaries on conflicts, coexistence and ethno-religious persecutions.

Mother of Giulio Claudio (22) and Michele Arjuna (17) who have often followed her on field in many areas and collaborated with her in various projects.