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His Excellency Josip Paro, Croatian ambassador to the U.S. in Washington, D.C., was previously the foreign policy advisor to the Croatian president. During his career in the Foreign Service, Paro served at The Hague as Croatian ambassador in the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Croatian permanent representative at OPCW (2009); as ambassador to the United Kingdom (2003); and as assistant minister of foreign affairs, with responsibility for relations with neighboring and European countries, the U.S., Russia, Canada, and Israel (1997–2002), where as an experienced negotiator, he played a prominent role in post-conflict normalization of relations with

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