

SLOVAKIA—A SUCCESS STORY OF TRANSFORMATION AND INTEGRATION



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His Excellency
Peter Burian

SLOVAKIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.

His Excellency Peter Burian was appointed Slovakian ambassador to the U.S. in 2008. Burian has worked in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1993 in various director and ambassador positions, including director of the Policy Planning and Analysis Department (2003–04) and head of Slovakia’s mission to NATO in Brussels (1999–2003). Prior to that, he had been the director general for human dimension affairs as well as the secretary and eventually *chargé d’affaires* at the Slovak Embassy in Washington, D.C. In

1987, he headed the Czechoslovak Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, as *chargé d’affaires*. Burian completed his formal education at the Diplomatic Academy in Moscow, Russia (1989–91), having studied at the Institute of International Relations School of Law at Comenius University School of Law in Bratislava (1983), and in the Department of Oriental Studies at St. Petersburg State University in Russia (1978–83), during which he also attended a study program at the University of Cairo (1981–82). He speaks English, French, Russian, and Arabic.