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**Ivan Korčok**  
**Ambassador of Slovakia to the United States**

Ivan Korčok took up the post of the Slovak Ambassador to the US in September 2018, after a three-year posting as the state secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Korčok has dedicated his career to diplomatic service and has held many high-level positions in representation of the Slovak Republic abroad. Notably, he served as the permanent representative of the Slovak Republic to the European Union between 2009 and 2015 in Brussels and the Slovak ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany between 2005 and 2009 in Berlin. Between 1999 and 2001, Ambassador Korčok served as the deputy head of mission of the Slovak Republic to NATO in Brussels.

Before serving as the ambassador to the U.S., Ambassador Korčok served as the state secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic between August 2015 and August 2018, and between September 2017 and August 2018 as the acting minister of foreign and European affairs. During this period, he was the plenipotentiary of the government and ministre délégué for the Slovak Presidency in the 2016 Council of the EU (2015 – 2017).

Previously, he also served as the state secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic between 2002 and 2005, in 2003 Ambassador Korčok headed the Slovak Delegation during the accession talks to NATO, after serving as a member of the European Convention in 2002 – 2003. From 2001 until 2002, Ambassador Korčok was the director general of the Division of International Organization and Security Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic. Within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Korčok also worked as the acting head of the department for policy planning and analysis, spokesman, and within the department of bilateral relations.

Ambassador Korčok is a founding member of the GLOBSEC Tatra Summit Conference and a member of the Scientific Council of the University of Economics, Bratislava. In 2018, he was awarded the Czech and Slovak Transatlantic Award by the Jagello 2000 Association for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation and the Slovak Atlantic Commission.

Ambassador Korčok graduated from the Postgraduate Institute for International Relations, Comenius University in Bratislava in 1995, and from the Economic University in Bratislava in 1987. He is married and is the father of two sons. He speaks both English and German.