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As Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, Ambassador Sorin Ducaru was responsible for providing support to the North-Atlantic Council and for advising the Secretary General on the evolution of emerging security challenges, their potential impact on NATO's security, the development of relevant policies and action plans; directing the Emerging Security Challenges Division of the NATO International Staff and coordinating NATO's Science for Peace and Security Program. Prior to his appointment as ASG, Ambassador Ducaru served as Romania's Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council, from September 2006 to September 2013. From November 2011, Ambassador Ducaru was the Dean of the North Atlantic Council. Ambassador Ducaru was born on 22 June 1964, in Baia-Mare, Romania. He graduated from the Polytechnic Institute of Bucharest in 1988 and the Romanian National School of Political Studies and Public Administration in 1992.

He holds a MPhil Degree in International Relations from the University of Amsterdam (1993) and a PhD degree in International Economics from the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest (2005). He joined the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1993, assuming various posts such as member of the Policy Planning team, counselor to the Minister, spokesman of the MFA and Director for NATO and Strategic Issues. From 2001 to 2006, he served as Romania's Ambassador to the United States of America. In 2000–2001, Ambassador Ducaru served as Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations, in New York. In the year 2000 Ambassador Ducaru was awarded by the President of Romania the National Order of "Faithful Service" in rank of Commander, followed by, in 2006 the Order for "Diplomatic Merit" and in 2008 the rank of Knight of the National Order "The Star of Romania". He received the title of "Ambassador of the Year" in 2003 and 2012, from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania.