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Amb. Elena Poptodorova has spent a lifetime in diplomacy, international relations and global and regional security. She is currently Vice President of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria overseeing trans-Atlantic relations and the 3SI. She retired from diplomatic service in 2016, when she ended her second term as Bulgaria's Ambassador to the United States (2010-2016), her first one spanning from 2002 through 2008. During her career at the MFA of Bulgaria she held various positions - Director of the Human Rights and International Organizations Directorate, Director of the NATO and International Security Directorate, Spokesperson of MFA, Ambassador-at-large for the Black Sea Region.

In 1990 she ran in the first democratic election in Bulgaria and three successive election rounds to remain a Member of Parliament until 2001, when she returned to the diplomatic service. In Parliament she served on the Committees of Foreign Relations and of National Security, among others. She also served in Bulgaria's Embassy in Rome and was Bulgaria's Consul General to the Republic of San Marino.

Ms. Poptodorova got her BA and MA in the "Kliment Ohridski" University of Sofia.