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Davide La Cecilia is a senior Italian diplomat with more than three decades of experience in international relations, diplomacy, and political affairs. A graduate in political science, he began his diplomatic career in February 1989. Later that year, he was appointed Legation Secretary, marking the beginning of a distinguished trajectory in foreign service.

His early international postings included service in Hong Kong as First Vice Consul in 1992, later becoming Consul in 1994. In 1996, he was assigned to London as First Secretary, followed by his promotion to Legation Counselor in 1999. He then returned to Rome to serve at the General Secretariat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2001 to 2005, he was posted in Tokyo—first as Commercial Advisor, and later as First Commercial Counselor after being appointed Embassy Counselor in 2004. In October 2005, he became First Counselor at the Italian Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Mr. La Cecilia has also held several strategic roles within the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2009, he reported directly to the Director General for Mediterranean and Middle Eastern Countries and subsequently became Head of Office II in that Directorate. At the end of 2010, he was appointed Head of Office VIII in the Directorate General for Political Affairs and Security. He has held the diplomatic rank of Plenipotentiary Minister since January 2011. In 2012, he was named Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, reporting directly to the Director General for Political and Security Affairs. From January 2013, he served as Consul General in Jerusalem, and in August 2016, he was appointed Ambassador of Italy to Ukraine.

Upon returning to Rome, Mr. La Cecilia served as Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister of Health, contributing to international health diplomacy. Since 2023, he has held the position of Special Envoy for the Reconstruction of Ukraine, playing a key role in Italy's contribution to post-war recovery efforts.