

# NEW ON THE SCENE, OR RARELY SEEN, BEFORE HER SERENE MAJESTY



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Media interest was perhaps higher than normal at the queen's reception for the diplomatic corps at Christiansborg Palace on January 3, as US ambassador Carla Sands and French ambassador Francois Zimeray took questions on the way in. And once again the occasion gives us a chance at CPH POST to catch up with all the country's new heads of mission, as well as catching sight of rare visits by ambassadors located elsewhere



The regulars, the queen and the Crown Prince Couple, were there, along with the majority of the country's ambassadors who queued up to be presented to her majesty – in this case the rarely seen Djibouti ambassador Omar Said, who is based in Brussels



Among the gentleman ambassadors attending alone were three newbies – Vesa Vasara (Finland), Gigi Gigiadze (Georgia) and Uğur Kenan İpek (Turkey) – along with the rarely seen Santiago Wins (Uruguay), who is based in Stockholm



Meanwhile, while Carla Sands (USA), Fatima Kamis Al Mazrouei (UAE), Aud Kolberg (Norway) and Maria-Goretti Blandine Agaleoue (Burkina Faso) are all based here, Ahlam Ali (Sudan) is based in Oslo



The new Denmark-based European ambassadors in attendance included Alexander Arzoumanian (Armenia), Ms Maria Rotheiser-Scotti (Austria), Radek Pech (Czech Republic), Andreas Meitzner (Germany) and Ms Janine Finck (Luxembourg)



The new Denmark-based Asian ambassadors in attendance included Ajit Vinayak Gupte (India), Yuba Nath Lamsal (Nepal) and Zulfiqar Gardezi (Pakistan). Ms Pema Choden (Bhutan) and Nabeel Al Dakheel (Kuwait) are based in Brussels and Stockholm respectively



Also in attendance was the rarely seen Francisco Gross Hernandez-Kramer (Guatemala), who is based in Stockholm, along with news ambassadors Ayman Alkaffas (Egypt), Benjamin Dagan (Israel) and Amerley Ollennu Awua-Asamoah (Ghana)