



Independent Diplomat

the diplomatic advisory group

WHO WE ARE

ID is an **independent organization**, not connected to any government or international institution. ID is supported by a mix of donor contributions and client fees.

ID only helps those who support **democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.**

ID's advice is driven solely by the needs of its clients. ID has no political agenda of its own: it works to help its clients get their needs met.

WHAT WE DO

Independent Diplomat (ID) aims to **promote justice and conflict resolution** by enabling governments and political groups disadvantaged or marginalized by lack of capacity to engage effectively in diplomatic processes.

ID provides **independent and confidential advice and assistance in diplomatic technique and strategy** to governments, political groups, international institutions and non-governmental organizations.

ID provides clear, practical and effective counsel to those facing complex international and political challenges to help them **achieve their international objectives.**

ID has projects currently underway in Africa, Asia and Europe; a project to improve the effectiveness of the **UN Security Council** and an initiative to assist small island states in global **climate change** negotiations.

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Our Work

ID offers a comprehensive suite of services in areas key to effective diplomacy, including:

- Political analysis
- Diplomatic technique
- International law
- Media strategy

EU and NATO Accession

ID provides intelligence and advice to countries aspiring to **EU and NATO accession**.

ID advised the **Kosovo** government during the UN-led final status process that led to Kosovo's independence.

Somaliland

ID supports this former British protectorate, which has achieved peace and built a stable democracy despite the chaos in neighboring Somalia, with its diplomatic strategy and quest for **international recognition**.

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

ID provides expert advice on diplomatic strategy to the President of Northern Cyprus in his efforts to negotiate - under UN auspices - a **united state** on the island of Cyprus.

Western Sahara

ID advises the representatives of the Saharawi people of Western Sahara, known as the Frente POLISARIO, on their objective of **securing self-determination** for the territory, illegally occupied by Morocco since 1975. Western Sahara is considered the last colony in Africa.

Climate Change Initiative

ID works with a group of **small island states** to increase their influence in international climate change negotiations.

National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB)

ID provides strategic advice on diplomatic activities geared towards promoting **transition to democracy in Burma** to the NCGUB, the democratically-elected government-in-exile of Burma, established to support democratic forces in Burma, led by Nobel Peace Prize laureate **Aung San Suu Kyi**.

Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS)

ID provides assistance to GoSS in meeting its diplomatic challenges; in particular ID works to strengthen GoSS's capacity to **navigate the complex international discussion** of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (which ended a 22-year civil war) and its implementation.

Meet the Parties

ID will bring together members of the UN Security Council and parties to disputes on its agenda to **improve communication between the Council and those impacted by its decisions**, thus making the Council's work more effective and legitimate.

Additional ID Projects

ID provides **independent, practical and effective counsel** to NGOs, members of the Security Council and others facing unfamiliar and complex international and political challenges. Previous clients include The World Wildlife Fund, Oxford Research Group, The Elders, Human Rights First and Action Aid International.