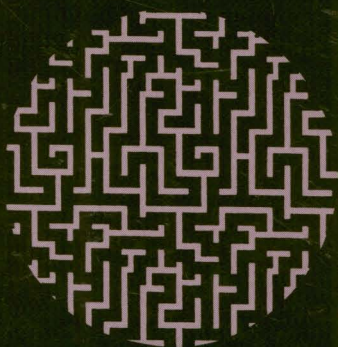


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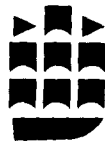
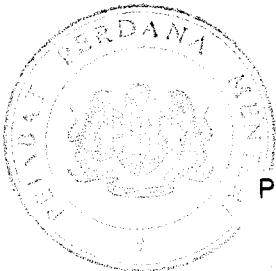
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PREFACE

The aim of this book is to provide a concise but comprehensive source of relevant information for those who are embarking on an international and, particularly, a diplomatic career.

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I would also like to take this opportunity to point out that the word 'diplomat' in the English language can have either a masculine or feminine connotation, and if at any point in the text it is followed by the masculine personal pronoun it is solely to avoid the tedium of 'he or she': it is not intended to have any other significance.