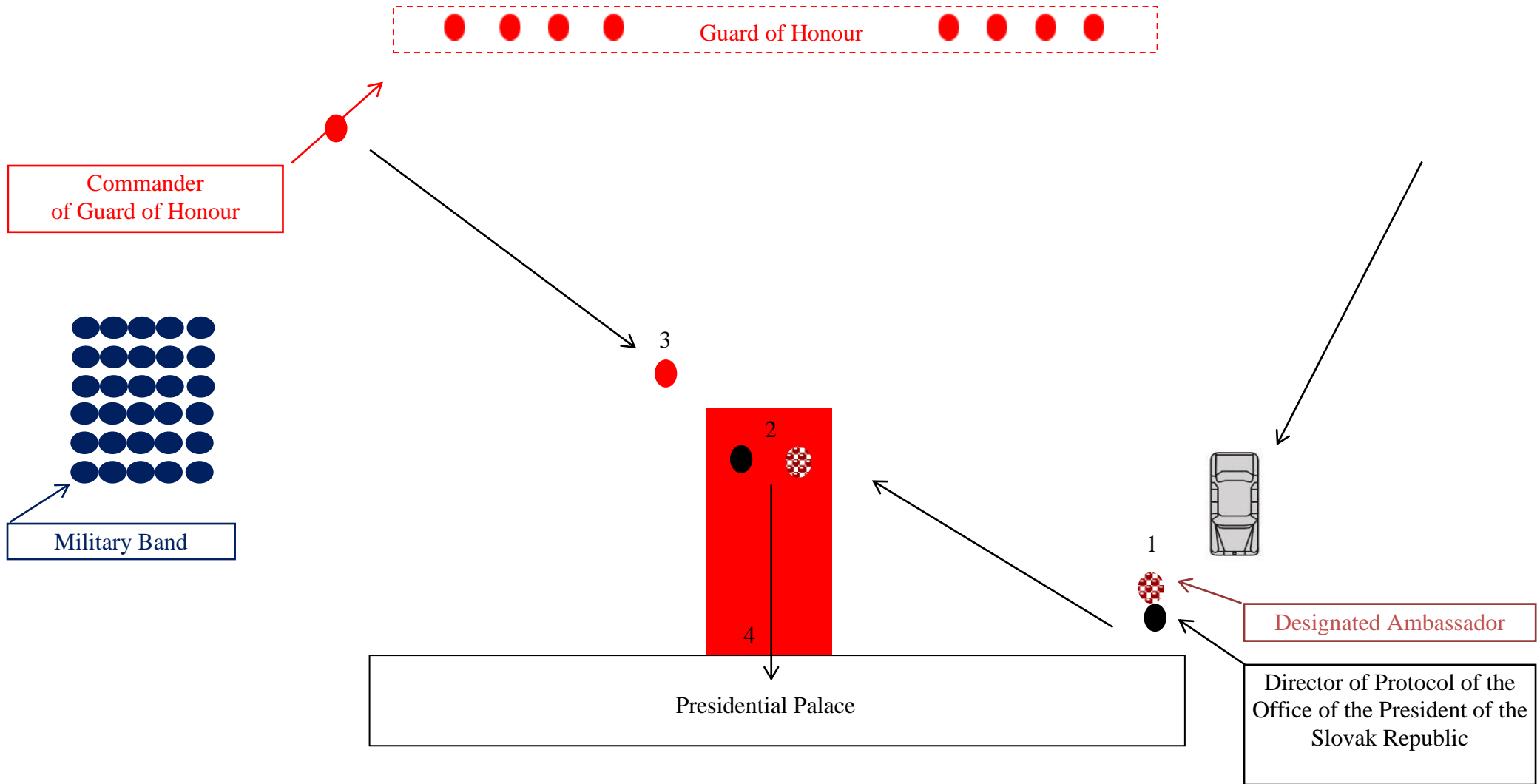


Ceremonial
of the inaugural audience
given to non-residential Ambassadors of foreign states
by the President of the Slovak Republic

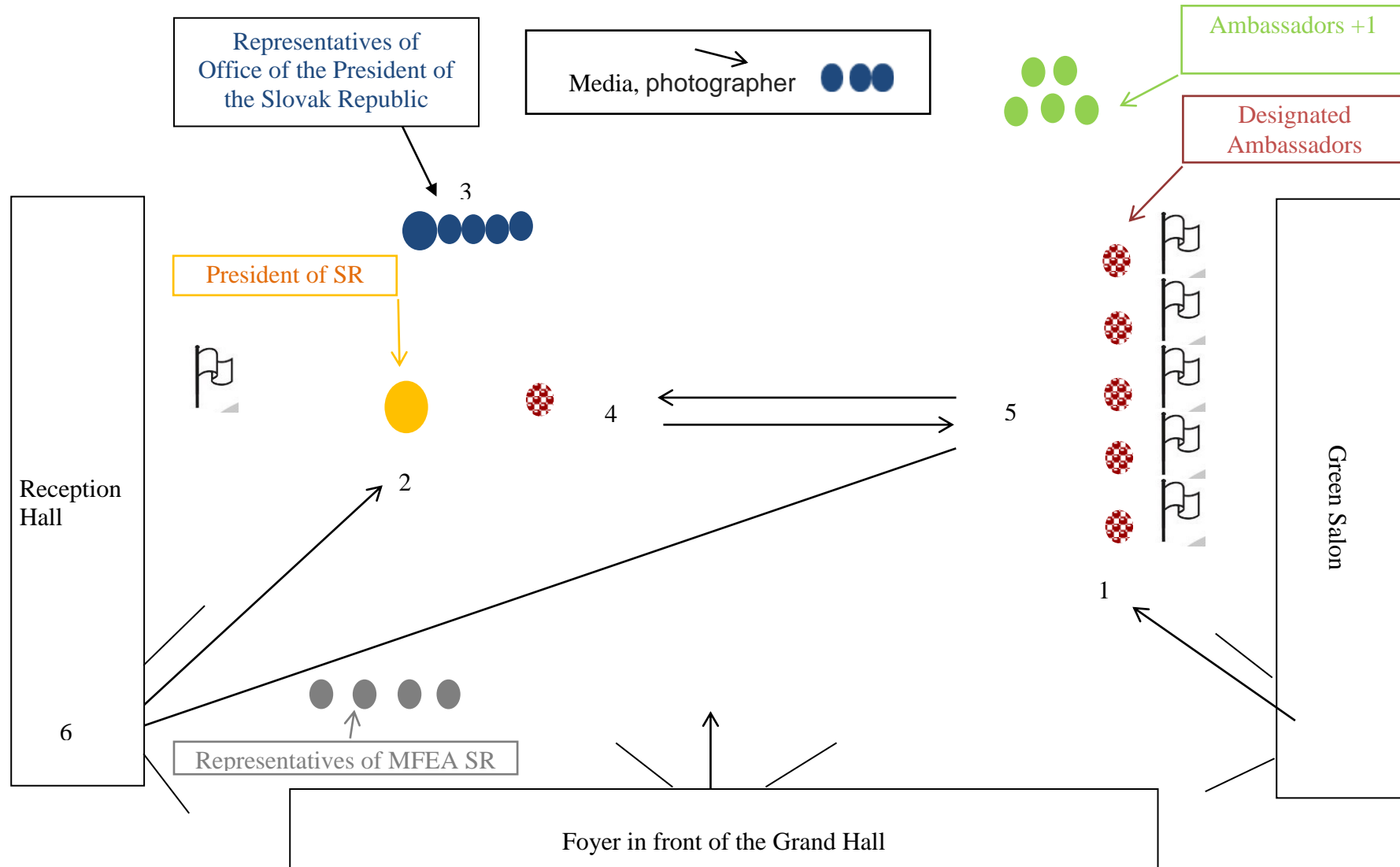
Layout of ceremonial at the Presidential Palace Courtyard



Explanatory notes to the Layout of ceremonial at the Presidential Palace Courtyard

- 1. The designated Ambassador arrives by car to the courtyard of the Presidential Palace. After leaving the vehicle he/she is welcomed by the Director of the Protocol of the Office of the President and led to his designated spot on the red carpet.**
- 2. Designated ambassador is standing on the right side of the Director of Protocol Office of the President.**
- 3. Commander of Guard of Honour of the President of the Slovak Republic submits report and the Guard of the Honour greets - "Sláva"**
- 4. After the greeting, designated ambassador enters the Presidential Palace accompanied by the Director of Protocol Office of the President of the Slovak Republic.**
- 5. Transfer to the Green salon on the first floor.**

**Layout of ceremonial of presentation of the Letters of Credence
in Grand Hall at the Presidential Palace**



Explanatory notes to the Layout of ceremonial of presentation of the Letters of Credence in Grand Hall at the Presidential Palace

1. Arrival of designated ambassadors from Green Salon to Grand Hall, after they take their position at the indicated places right in front of their national flags. (Note: The accompanying persons stand on the right side to the designated Ambassadors.)
2. Arrival of the President of the Slovak Republic to the Grand Hall.
3. Welcoming speech by the Head of the Office of the President of the Slovak Republic.

The Head of the Office of the President calls on the Ambassadors one-by-one to advance towards the President of the Slovak Republic and to hand over his/her Letters of Credence and saying: *“I present to your hands, Madam President, the Letters of Credence by which ... (the title and the name of the Head of the sending country) has accredited me to Your Excellency as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of ... (the name of state) to the Slovak Republic.”*

(Note: photo opportunity during presenting)

4. After the handover of the Letters of Credence the Ambassador returns to his/her initial place in front of his/her national flag. After the handover of all Letters of Credence by all the present Ambassadors, the Head of the Office of the President concludes the ceremony and invites all the Ambassadors to meet the President of the Slovak Republic at the Reception Hall.
5. Meeting with President of the Slovak Republic in the Reception Hall.

The language of the Ceremony and the following talk with the President of the Slovak Republic is English. If needed, Ambassadors are welcome to bring their own interpreter and provide transport for them.

One accompanying person is allowed to be present at the Ceremony, interpreters excluded.