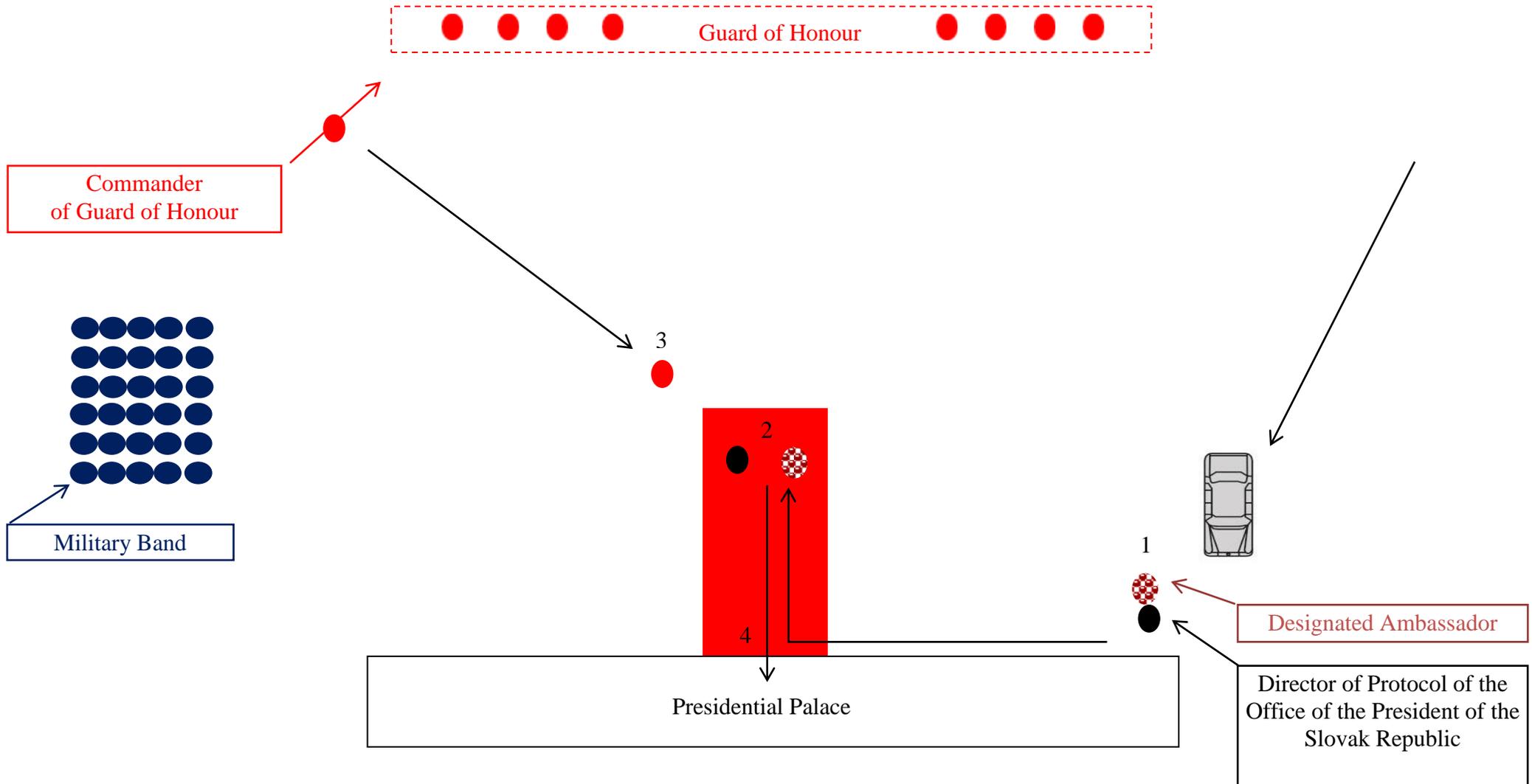


Ceremonial
of the inaugural audience
given to the resident Ambassador of a foreign state
by the President of the Slovak Republic

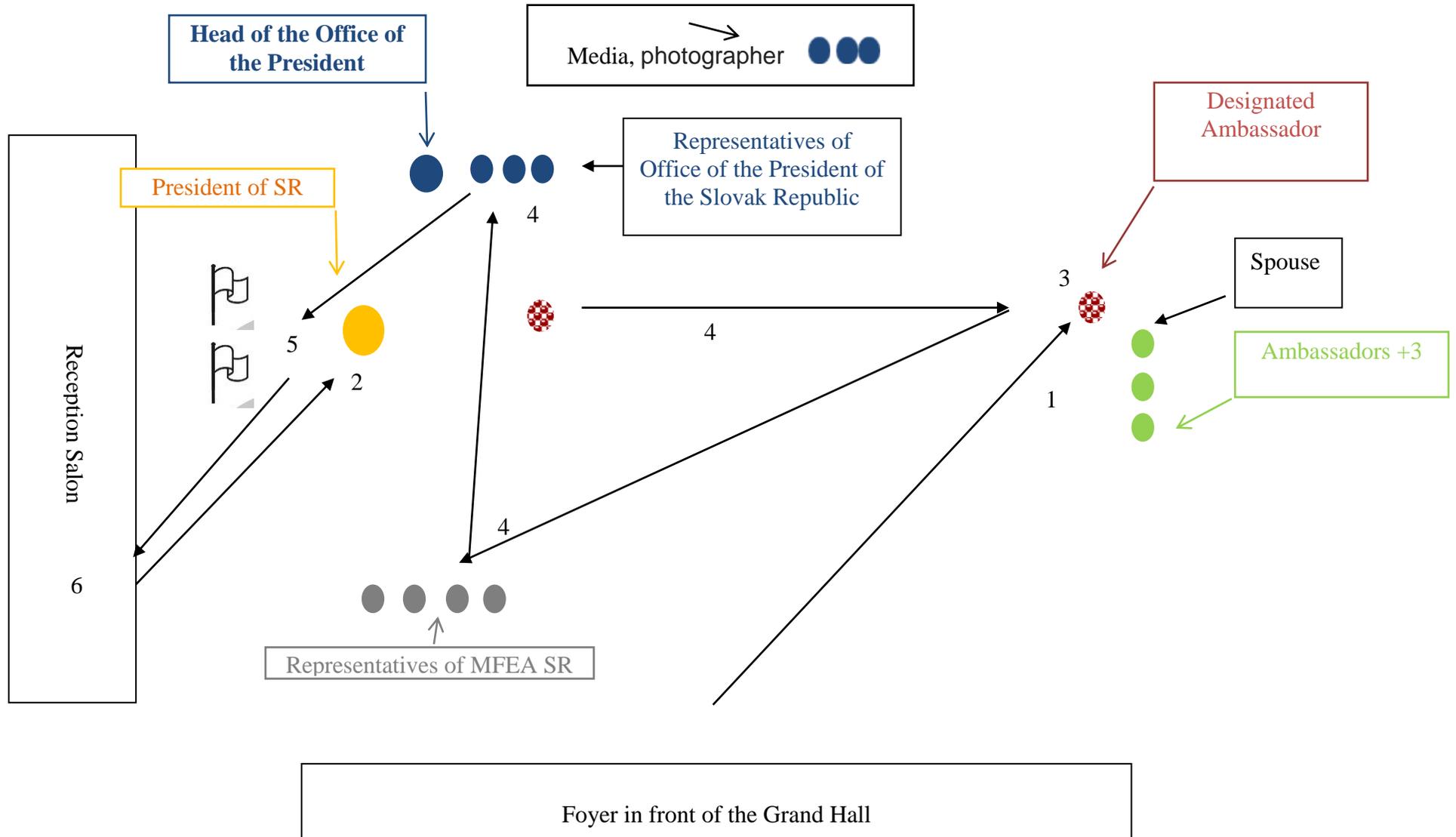
Layout of ceremonial at the Presidential Palace Courtyard



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. Military band plays national anthem of the designated Ambassador's country.**
- 2. Commander of Guard of Honor of the President of the Slovak Republic submits report and the Guard of the Honor greets - "Sláva".**
- 3. After the greeting, designated Ambassador enters the Presidential Palace accompanied by the Director of Protocol Office of the President of the Slovak Republic and both proceed to the Grand Hall on the first floor.**

Layout of ceremonial of presentation of the Letters of Credence in Grand Hall of 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 Ambassador to the Grand Hall. Upon arrival he/she takes his/her position at the indicated place.
(Note: The accompanying persons including spouse, stand in the line behind the Ambassador, waiting for the President.)

2. Arrival of the President of the Slovak Republic to the Grand Hall.

3. Ambassador advances towards the President of the Slovak Republic and hands over his/her Letters of Credence by 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 introduces to the President his/her spouse and then presents diplomatic officials of his/her Embassy. Then, the Director of Protocol of the Office of the President introduces the Representatives from the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic and members of the President’s suite.

5. President of the Slovak Republic with the Ambassador take photo in front of the flags.

6. President of the Slovak Republic with the Ambassador then proceed to the Reception Salon for a short meeting.

(Note: The accompanying persons including spouse meanwhile wait in the Green Salon)

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.

Not more than three accompanying persons are allowed to be present at the Ceremony, spouse included and interpreters excluded.