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Born in 1941, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; graduated at Economics at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro; career diplomat.

Main current positions: President of the Board of Trustees of the Brazilian Center of International Relations - CEBRI, President of the International Relations Council of the Rio de Janeiro Federation of Industries - FIRJAN, member of the Executive Boards of the following corporations: Petrobras (Brazil's state oil company), Embraer (aeronautics), Embratel (telecommunications) and Toyota, among others.

Minister of External Relations between 1995 – 2001; served as diplomat at the Brazilian Embassy in Washington D.C. and as Ambassador to Surinam, Portugal and to the GATT/WTO in Geneva, by the time of the completion of GATT's Uruguay Round; held the following positions at the Ministry of External Relations: Economic Adviser to the Minister, Head of the Department for Technical Cooperation and Secretary-General of External Relations.

Ambassador Lampreia also served as Head and Speaker of the Press Office, Undersecretary-General for Political Affairs, and as International Affairs Secretary at the Ministry of Planning. Lampreia's career has been chiefly devoted to Latin American and multilateral trade affairs, in areas such as MERCOSUL, ALADI, ALCA; has also been directly responsible for negotiations with the EU, ASEAN, SADC and, most importantly, within the WTO. He had also been involved in the task of coordinating foreign policy issues and positions with other governmental areas and with key segments of Brazil's society and public opinion, in areas such as defense, science & technology, nuclear energy, human rights and the relationship between the Federal and State governments.

Finally, Ambassador Lampreia published several articles, papers, reviews, book chapters and books, both in the press and academia, one of the most important titles being "Diplomacia Brasileira: Palavras, Contextos e Razões" (Brazilian Diplomacy: Words, Contexts and Reasons – 1999, Lacerda Publishers, Rio de Janeiro).