

## Persona non grata

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**China** has recently declared a **Canadian** diplomat in **Shanghai** as **persona non grata**.



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### About the persona non grata:

- It is a **Latin** phrase which means “**unwelcome person.**”
- In diplomacy, it refers to a **diplomat** or **foreign person** whose **entering** or **staying** in a certain country has been **prohibited** by that country.
- The designation received **diplomatic** meaning at the [1961 Vienna Convention for Diplomatic Relations](#).
  - **Article 9** of the treaty mentions that a **country** can declare any member of a **diplomatic staff persona** as a non grata “at any **time** and without explanation for its decision.
- In case person doesn't went back to their **home nation** then the country “may refuse to **recognise** the person concerned as a **member** of the mission.”
- A person can be declared persona non grata even before **arriving** in a country.
- Its imposition isn't just limited to **diplomats**.