

GIOVANNI DE GENNARO

CHAIRMAN

Non-executive- Non-Independent - In office since July 2013

Belonging list: majority (Ministry of Economy and Finance)

Born in Reggio Calabria on 14 August 1948. Chairman of Leonardo since 4 July 2013. His mandate was renewed by the Shareholders' Meeting on 15 May 2014 and 16 May 2017. He took a Degree in Law at the University of Rome "La Sapienza". After fulfilling his national service obligations as a reserve officer for the Italian Army and a short period of work at the Italian Ministry of Finance, he entered the Ministry of the Interior holding various positions as a Public Security Officer ("*Funzionario di Pubblica Sicurezza*"). He spent most of his career in the Public Security Administration until 1994, when he was appointed "*Prefetto di Prima classe*" (Prefect). In 2000 he became Chief of the Police – Director General of Public Security. In 2007 he was appointed Head of the Ministerial Staff of the Internal Affairs. During his mandate, because of the exceptionally serious crisis related to the waste disposal in Campania, the Italian Government assigned Mr De Gennaro the temporary management of the emergency for 120 days and appointed him Extraordinary Commissioner. In 2008 he held the position of Director General of the Italian Security Intelligence Department (DIS – *Dipartimento per le Informazioni per la Sicurezza*), with the additional task of implementing, from a regulatory and organisational standpoint, the complex reform of the intelligence services called for by the Parliament in 2007. In 2012 he was appointed Under Secretary to the Italian Prime Minister's Office with powers over the intelligence and security services, by the Council of Ministers. As Government representative he participated in the process of approval, unanimously voted by the Parliament, of another partial reform of the laws governing the intelligence services, with particular regard to the sensitive issue of the State Secret. In 2000 he was bestowed the Knight of Grand Cross ("*Cavaliere di Gran Croce*") of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic. He is the Chairman of the Center for American Studies and Honorary Chairman of the *Fondazione Leonardo – Civiltà della Macchine*.