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IGA Caroline LAURENT was appointed Director of Strategy on December 01st 2014 within Directorate General of Armaments (DGA) the French Defense Procurement Agency.

Education: She graduated from the Ecole Polytechnique and from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de l’Aéronautique et de l’Espace (National School for Aeronautics and Space) in 1987. She attended the Centre des Hautes Etudes de l’Armement from September 2004 to July 2005. She has a pilot’s license.

Career: Caroline LAURENT started her career at the Space and Missiles Directorate and held several positions in that Administration.

She first managed satellite research and technology projects, in oceanography, reconnaissance (visible, infra-red imagery, electromagnetic detection).

In January 1992 she was appointed Program Manager on an ELINT/COMINT satellite program.

In 1994 she held a strategic adviser position in French Industry Ministry for European and French Space policy and was in charge of space research and technology programs in MOD at the same time.

From September 1995 to June 1999 she lived in Washington DC as a mother at home while her husband was Space Attaché at the French Embassy.

In 2001, she was appointed Syracuse program manager and head of all French military satellite communications related programs.

In 2005, she was appointed Director of Military Operative Networks

From January 2007 until June 2011 she was Director of Aeronautical Programs Management Unit.

Previously she was Director of space and information systems Management Unit since June 15th 2011.

AWARDS

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Officier de l’ordre national du mérite.