



# Joël Barre

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE DGA

## BIOGRAPHY

Joël Barre was appointed Chief executive of the *Direction générale de l'Armement* (DGA) by the French Cabinet on 9th August 2017.

Joël Barre joined the DGA in 1979 at the ballistics and aerodynamics research laboratory (LRBA).

From 1980 to 1987, Joël Barre occupied various roles in the medium-range air-to-ground missile programme (ASMP).

In 1987, he became director of the ASMP weapon programme.

From 1988 to 1991, he held a variety of responsibilities in the Helios optical observation satellite programme.

In 1991, he became director of the Helios programme.

In 1995, he was appointed deputy head of the strategic and space systems technical department.

He was appointed as the first architect of the “command, communication, control and intelligence” forces’ system in February 1997.

In September 1997, he joined CNES, the French space agency, as director of programmes.

In June 2001, he joined Snecma as head of space operations in the Rocket Propulsion division.

In March 2002, he became chief executive of Snecma’s Space Engines division.

In July 2007, he returned to CNES as director of the Guiana Space Centre.

In July 2012, Joël Barre was appointed CNES Associate Director General.

Joël Barre is a graduate of France’s *École polytechnique* engineering school and of *École Nationale Supérieure de l’Aéronautique et de l’Espace* (ENSAE). He is a former auditor of the *Centre des Hautes Etudes de l’Armement* (CHEAr). He is a Commander of the Legion of Honour, a Commander of the National Order of Merit and a French Foreign Legion honorary First Class Legionnaire.

Born in 1955, Joël Barre is married.

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