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NOTICE

New Director of the Office of Foreign Missions

Ambassador Rebecca Gonzales was confirmed by the United States Senate as the next Director of the Office of Foreign Missions on May 19, 2022 with the rank of Ambassador and began serving in this capacity on May 31, 2022. OFM's Director is the functional equivalent of an Assistant Secretary of State.

Ambassador Gonzales is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor. Immediately prior she was the U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho from 2018-2022. Previously, she served as the Chief of Staff in the Bureau of Administration at the Department of State. She also served as the Deputy Executive Director of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; as Deputy Management Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa; Management Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Gaborone, Botswana; and Special Assistant in the Office of the Under Secretary for Management at the Department of State. Other assignments for Ambassador Gonzales include service in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs and at U.S. embassies in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; New Delhi, India; Bogota, Colombia; and Athens, Greece.

Ambassador Gonzales earned a B.A. and an M.B.A. from the George Washington University and an M.S. from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. She speaks Spanish and Greek.

Ambassador Gonzales' office is located at 2201 C Street, NW, Room 2236; she can be contacted by telephone at (202) 647-3417.

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