

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

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SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of
Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service
Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: African Union

CANDIDATE: Reuben Earl Brigety, II

Reuben Earl Brigety, II, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of African Affairs, has held numerous senior positions in government, academia and the non-profit sector. He is known for his knowledge of African affairs, expertise in peace and security issues and contributions to international humanitarian work. A proven, experienced leader, Dr. Brigety will bring essential skills to furthering relations with the African Union, a vital U.S. partner in addressing our foreign policy interests in Africa.

Dr. Brigety was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy at the rank of Lieutenant in 2000. During his military service, he worked as a political-military analyst on the personal staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, among other assignments. In addition to his service in the Navy, Dr. Brigety served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (12/2009-11/2011), Senior Consultant for Civil-Military Affairs, Joint Strategic Assessment Team, U.S. Central Command, Washington, D.C. (11/2008-02/2009), Director, Sustainable Security Program, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C. (01/2008-11/2009), Special Assistant to the Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, USAID (01/2007-01/2008), Assistant Professor of Government and Politics, George Mason University (05/2004-04/2009), Consultant, UNICEF, Office of Emergency Operations, Humanitarian Policy Unit, New York, New York (04-11/2004), Assistant Professor of International Relations, American University, (08/2003-05/2004), and Researcher with the Arms Division of Human Rights Watch (08/2001-08/2003).

Dr. Brigety earned a B.S. (with merit) in Political Science and was designated a Distinguished Midshipman Graduate from the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland (1995). He holds an M.Phil in International Affairs, (1997), and a Ph.D. in International Affairs (2003), from the University of Cambridge in England. He is the author of numerous publications and the recipient of several awards from the U.S. Navy and the State Department. He speaks Spanish, French, and Amharic.

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