

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

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

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POST: Republic of Cameroon

CANDIDATE: Michael Stephen Hoza

Michael Hoza is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service with extensive executive experience in challenging missions. His experience as a Deputy Chief of Mission, his work in Nepal to combat trafficking in persons and his work in Kenya to promote better governance and transparency will be especially valuable experience to bring to Cameroon. He has extensive political/military experience, fostering joint training programs throughout Africa.

Mr. Hoza is currently serving as Management Counselor in Moscow, Russia. Previously, he served as Management Counselor and Acting Deputy Chief of Mission in Nairobi, Kenya (2007-2010), Management Counselor in Madrid, Spain (2004-2007), Human Resources Officer in Paris, France (2002-2004), Management Officer and Acting Deputy Chief of Mission in Kathmandu, Nepal (2000-2002), Deputy Chief of Mission in Mbabane, Swaziland (1997-2000), Administrative Officer in Asmara, Eritrea (1993-1997), Post Management Officer in the Bureau of African Affairs (1991-1993), Administrative Officer in Maputo, Mozambique (1989-1991), Administrative Officer in Martinique, French West Indies (1987-1989), and Regional Budget and Fiscal Officer in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire (1985-1987). Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he worked for the Washington Post.

Mr. Hoza earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. He speaks French and Portuguese and has a working knowledge of Spanish. He is the recipient of five individual Superior Honor Awards, a Group Award for Valor, and four Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards.

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