

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: Ethiopia

CANDIDATE: Patricia Marie Haslach

Patricia Haslach is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. Both as a Chief of Mission and in her current capacity as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, she has managed large reconstruction, humanitarian, and security assistance programs. She has excellent skills in leading and managing multi-agency efforts designed to respond to and stabilize crises. Ms. Haslach has extensive experience both in Washington and overseas in dealing with development issues in countries undergoing transition. She understands how to shape arguments to achieve policy objectives and is known as a superb mentor.

Ms. Haslach currently serves as a Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations. Previously, she served as Coordinator for Iraq Transition in the Office of the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources (2011-2012), Deputy Coordinator for Diplomacy for the U.S. Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative (2010-2011), Assistant Chief of Mission for Assistance Transition in Iraq (2009-2010), Ambassador to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (2007-2009), Ambassador to Laos (2004-2007), and Director of the Afghanistan Office in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (2002-2004). She also served as Economic Counselor or Deputy Counselor at U.S. missions in Pakistan, Indonesia, and Nigeria. She began her federal career at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, serving overseas in India.

Ms. Haslach earned a Master of Arts degree in international relations from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Gonzaga University. She speaks French and Indonesian and has a working knowledge of Italian. She is the recipient of the Herbert Salzman Award for Excellence in International Economic Performance, the M. Sinclair Language Award for distinguished study of a hard language and its associated culture, the Director General's Award for Impact and Originality in Reporting, an individual Superior Honor Award, an individual Meritorious Honor Award, and five Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards.

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