

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: Mauritania

CANDIDATE: Larry Edward André, Jr.

Larry André is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. Given the long history of development, governance and human rights problems in Mauritania, Mr. André's extensive recent experience formulating and managing policy for the Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan will be especially relevant. A two-time Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. André will bring strong leadership, mentoring, and policy skills, as well as extensive regional knowledge, to this small isolated mission.

Mr. André currently serves as Director, Office of the Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan. Previously, he served as the Deputy Executive Director of the Bureau of African Affairs (2010-2011), Deputy Chief of Mission in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (2008-2010), Political Counselor in Nairobi, Kenya (2006-2008), Deputy Director, Office of West African Affairs (2004-2006), Deputy Chief of Mission in Freetown, Sierra Leone (2002-2004), Regional Environment Officer in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (2000-2002), and Management Officer in Conakry, Guinea (1998-2000). He has also served at U.S. missions in Bangladesh, Cameroon, and Nigeria. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he worked with a nongovernmental organization in Chad and served the Peace Corps as a staff member in Washington and a volunteer in Senegal.

Mr. André earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Thunderbird School of Global Management and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Claremont McKenna College. He speaks French fluently and has a working knowledge of Wolof.

He is the recipient of the Director General's Award for Impact and Originality in Reporting, five individual Superior Honor Awards, and five individual Meritorious Honor Awards.

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