

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: Brazil

CANDIDATE: Liliana Ayalde

With ample regional experience, Liliana Ayalde has proven leadership and extensive knowledge of Latin America. She has developed an impressive range of contacts with foreign officials, throughout U.S. government agencies and nongovernmental organizations. With more than 26 years of experience in international development, her knowledge of development policy, gained as a senior officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is particularly impressive. She builds strong teams with high morale.

Ms. Ayalde currently serves in the Department of State as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. Previously, she served as Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Latin America and Caribbean Bureau of USAID (2011-2012), Ambassador to Paraguay (2008-2011), Mission Director for USAID in Colombia (2005-2008), Mission Director for USAID in Bolivia (1999-2005), Deputy Mission Director for USAID in Nicaragua (1997-1999), Director, Office of Central American Affairs, USAID (1994-1997), and Deputy Director, Office of Central American Affairs at USAID in Washington (1993-1994). She also served at USAID Missions in Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Bangladesh. Prior to joining USAID, Ms. Ayalde was a consultant to the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine at Tulane University.

Ms. Ayalde holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in international studies from American University and a Master of Public Health degree in international public health from Tulane University. She is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese and has working knowledge of French.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Frank Tumminia, Senior Reviewer