

## 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: Holy See

CANDIDATE: Kenneth Francis Hackett

Kenneth Francis Hackett, Principal/Owner of K.F. Hackett & Associates, LLC in Baltimore, Maryland, has served a long and distinguished career in international human development and relief. He is known as a talented leader, compassionate humanitarian and recognized expert in international affairs. An experienced advocate and negotiator, with long-standing ties to the Vatican, Mr. Hackett will bring essential skills to the tasks of furthering American relations with the Holy See and seeking ever closer collaboration on the critical humanitarian issues facing the international community today.

Prior to establishing K.F. Hackett & Associates, Mr. Hackett served as CEO/President of Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, MD (1993-2012), Advisor for University of Notre Dame Institute of Global Development, Notre Dame, IN (2012-Present), Advisor of the Governor's International Leadership Committee, Annapolis, MD (2006-2011), Director of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, Washington, DC (2004-2010), Regional Director, East Africa of Catholic Relief Services, Kenya (1992-1993), Country Representative of Catholic Relief Services, Philippines (1987-1992), Senior Director External Affairs of Catholic Relief Services, New York, NY (1986-1987), Africa Regional Director of Catholic Relief Services, New York, NY (1978-1985), Assistant Africa Regional Director of Catholic Relief Services, New York, NY (1975-1978), Country Staff/Director of Catholic Relief Services, Sierra Leone (1972-1975) and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ghana (1968-1971). His affiliations have included the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Vice President of Caritas Internationalis (Vatican), CIDSE (Netherlands), Africa Society, Jesuit Refugee Committee, Council on Foreign Relations, and Pontifical Council, Cor Unum (Vatican).

Mr. Hackett earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, in 1968. He is the recipient of 17 Honorary Doctorate degrees, as well as numerous other prestigious awards from universities and humanitarian organizations during his many years of international public service.

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