

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: Jamaica

CANDIDATE: Luis G. Moreno

Luis G. Moreno is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service (Minister Counselor). A three-time Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) and former Principal Officer in Monterrey, Mexico, Mr. Moreno brings broad regional experience to this mission. He is known as a superb manager, and with strong interagency experience, honed during his year working with the U.S. military from Latin America to Iraq. With a reputation for inclusive decision-making, he has been a role-model and mentor for his staff.

Mr. Moreno currently is DCM in Madrid, Spain (2011-Present), and before that he was DCM in Tel Aviv (2007-2009). He served in Baghdad, Iraq as Political-Military Affairs Officer (2010-2011). Other positions held include that of Principal Officer, Monterey, Mexico (2004-2007) and DCM in Port au Prince, Haiti (2001- 2004). He has broad experience working on narcotics issues, gained from his assignments as Narcotics Affairs Director in Bogota, Colombia (1997-2001, during the initial years of "Plan Colombia") and in Panama City, Panama (1995-1997), as well as Narcotics Deputy in Lima, Peru (1988-1990), and in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (1990-1993). He has also served as a Staff Assistant in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, and as a Consular Officer in Nicaragua and Colombia.

Mr. Moreno has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Fordham University in New York, and a Master of Arts degree from Kean College in New Jersey. He has been awarded 11 Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards, as well as a Presidential Meritorious Service Award, the James Clement Dunn Award for the Outstanding Mid-level Officer, the Department's Heroism Award, and other Department awards. He speaks French, Spanish, and Haitian Creole along with basic Arabic.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Frank Tumminia, Senior Reviewer