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New U.S. Ambassador to Bolivia Philip S. Goldberg to arrive on Friday, September 29

The new Ambassador of the United States to Bolivia Philip Goldberg will arrive to the country on Friday, September 29. Goldberg is a career member of the US. Senior Foreign Service and is an expert in Latin American affairs. Prior to his appointment as Ambassador to Bolivia he served as Chief of Mission in Pristina, Kosovo since August 2004. He served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Santiago, Chile (2001-2004) and previously he served as a consular and political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia.

From January to June 2001 he served as acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs. He came to that position after having been a senior member of the State Department team handling the transition from the Clinton to Bush Administrations.

Ambassador Goldberg served as Special Assistant (1996-1998) and then Executive Assistant (1998-2000) to the Deputy Secretary of State. From 1994-96 Mr. Goldberg was the Department's Bosnia Desk Officer and a Special Assistant to Ambassador Richard Holbrooke. In the latter capacity, he was a member of the American negotiating team in the lead-up to the Dayton Peace Conference and Chief of Staff for the American Delegation at Dayton.

As part of his diplomatic career, Ambassador Goldberg served as political-economic officer in Pretoria, South Africa.

Before joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Goldberg worked for several years as a liaison officer between the City of New York and the United Nations and consular community. Mr. Goldberg is a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and a graduate of Boston University.