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Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs visits Bolivia

Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) is visiting Bolivia. She most recently served as Deputy Permanent Representative and then as Acting Permanent Representative at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, from 2004 to 2005.

The main purpose of her visit is to hold meetings with the U.S. government agencies that work with Bolivia in counternarcotics. Ambassador Patterson's agenda in Bolivia also includes courtesy calls on high-ranking authorities of the Bolivian government, including the President.

Anne W. Patterson was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) on November 28, 2005. Prior to that, Ambassador Patterson was the Deputy Inspector General of the Department of State from 2003 to 2004, Ambassador to Colombia from 2000 to 2003, and Ambassador to El Salvador from 1997-2000.

She has served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Interamerican Affairs and as Office Director for Andean Affairs. Mrs. Patterson also served as political counselor to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in Geneva from 1988 to 1991 and as economic officer and counselor in Saudi Arabia from 1984 to 1988.

Ambassador Patterson was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas. She graduated from Wellesley College and attended graduate school at the University of North Carolina.