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President Obama Announced Nominee for Ambassador to Guyana

President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate **D. Brent Hardt** as Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Brent Hardt became Chargé d'Affaires ad interim at the U.S. Embassy to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean in January 2009 after serving as Deputy Chief of Mission from May 2008. Previously he served as Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d'Affaires at U.S. Embassy in Nassau, Bahamas from 2005 to 2008 and at the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See in Rome from 2002 to 2005. He was the ranking Embassy official at the time of Pope John Paul II's death and the inauguration of Pope Benedict XVI.

Mr. Hardt joined the United States Foreign Service in 1988, and served as a Consular Officer in Barbados from 1988-89, Political Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, Germany from 1990 to 1992, and Political-Military Officer at the U.S. Embassy in The Hague from 1993-96, where he also served as an exchange diplomat in the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 1996 to 2000, he returned to the U.S. Embassy to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean as Political-Economic Section Chief and Acting Deputy Chief of Mission. During this time, he helped develop the 1997 Caribbean-U.S. Summit agenda and subsequently worked to implement Summit commitments with countries in the Eastern Caribbean.

From 2000-2002, he served as Team Leader for NATO Policy in the Office of European Political and Security Affairs in the Department of State, where he was responsible for NATO enlargement, European Security and Defense Policy issues, NATO-Russia, and NATO-Ukraine relations.

Mr. Hardt has received various Department of State awards, including the Director General's Award for Reporting, five Superior Honor Awards, and two Meritorious Honor Awards. He earned a Bachelor's degree in History from Yale University, and Master's and Doctorate degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He has published numerous articles on U.S. foreign policy, and speaks Italian, Dutch, German and French.

He is married, and he and his wife Saskia have three sons.

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