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U.S. Embassy welcomes Ambassador D. Brent Hardt

GEORGETOWN – Ambassador D. Brent Hardt arrived in Guyana Thursday, September 8, 2011, after having been confirmed by the Senate in June. He was sworn in as Ambassador to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana on August, 19, 2011.

Ambassador Hardt is a career Senior Foreign Service Officer with extensive service in the Western Hemisphere and Europe. Prior to his nomination, he served as Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. at the U.S. Embassy to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean from January 2009 to June 2011. He also served as Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. at U.S. Embassy in Nassau, the Bahamas from 2005-2008 and at the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See in Rome from 2002 to 2005.

Ambassador Hardt joined the United States Foreign Service in 1988, and served as a Consular Officer in Bridgetown, Barbados from 1988-89, Political Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin 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 in 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.

Ambassador 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.

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

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