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Biography



Jeffrey D. Feltman
Assistant Secretary
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Ambassador Jeffrey Feltman was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs on August 18, 2009. A career member of the Foreign Service since 1986, Ambassador Feltman served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs from February 2008 to his present assignment, serving concurrently as Acting Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau since December 18, 2008.

From July 2004 to January 2008, Ambassador Feltman served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon. Prior to his assignment in Lebanon he headed the Coalition Provisional Authority's office in the Irbil province of Iraq, serving simultaneously as Deputy Regional Coordinator for the CPA's northern area. From 2001 until 2003, Ambassador Feltman served at the U.S. Consulate-General in Jerusalem, first as Deputy Principal Officer and then as Acting Principal Officer.

Ambassador Feltman has spent most of his career handling Eastern European and Near Eastern affairs. He served in Tel Aviv as Ambassador Indyk's Special Assistant on Peace Process issues from 2000 to 2001. From 1998 to 2000, he served as Chief of the Political and Economic Section at the U.S. Embassy in Tunisia, after covering economic issues in the Gaza strip at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv from 1995 to 1998. Ambassador Feltman studied Arabic at the University of Jordan in Amman from 1994 to 1995 after joining the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs in 1993. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Feltman served in the office of Deputy Secretary Lawrence Eagleburger as a Special Assistant concentrating on the coordination of U.S. assistance to the formerly Communist countries of Eastern and Central Europe. From 1988 to 1991, he served as an economic officer at the U.S. Embassy in Hungary, after completing his first tour in the U.S. Foreign Service as a consular officer in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Mr. Feltman speaks French, Arabic and Hungarian. He received his Bachelor's degree in history and fine arts from Ball State University in 1981, and his Master's degree in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in 1983.