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A Senior Foreign Service Officer, Mr. Manso is currently the Deputy Permanent Representative to the United States Mission to North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Previously he was the Director of the Office of Americas Program in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) supervising rule of law and counternarcotics programs throughout the hemisphere with a combined budget of about \$900 million.

Mr. Manso also served as INL Director in the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, supervising a staff of 900 with a budget of \$600 million. He also served as Director of the Narcotics Affairs Section in the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia.

From 2004-2007 Mr. Manso served as Deputy Director of the Private Office of the NATO Secretary General in Brussels. Before joining the Secretary General's office, he was the Deputy Chief of the Political Section of the U.S. Mission to NATO and Head of the Policy Unit covering the Balkans, Iraq, Afghanistan, and relations with the European Union (EU). He served in Vienna as Deputy Chief of the Political Section at the U.S. Mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and Head of the Negotiations Unit. Mr. Manso has also served in Mexico City and Madrid.

During the Central American Peace Process, Mr. Manso was advisor for political and security affairs in Latin America to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations (UN) in New York, and a member of the U.S. delegation to the UN Security Council.

Mr. Manso holds eleven awards for meritorious and superior service from the Department of State.

Prior to entering the Foreign Service in 1985, Mr. Manso practiced law for six years in New York and Madrid. He speaks fluent Spanish and some French.