Biography of Karin L. Look, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Verification and Implementation Policy

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Karin L. Look is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Verification and Implementation Policy, in the Bureau of Verification, Compliance and Implementation (VCI). In this capacity, Mrs. Look is responsible for the creation of verification regimes in arms control and nonproliferation agreements and commitments; pursuing effective implementation of conventional forces agreements; pursuing compliance with conventional forces and chemical and biological weapons agreements and commitments; and the operation of the U.S. Nuclear Risk Reduction Center. She also is the U.S. Representative to the NATO High Level Task Force.

Since mid-2004, Mrs. Look has been the U.S. Senior Weapons of Mass Destruction Representative for Libya. In that role, she negotiated and concluded agreements on: Libya's cessation of military trade with countries of proliferation concern, Libya's elimination of its SCUD B missiles, and establishment of the Trilateral Steering and Cooperation Committee (TSCC).

Prior to joining the VC Bureau in 2000, Mrs. Look was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Verification and Technology in the Bureau of Arms Control. Before the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency's (ACDA) integration into the Department of State in 1999, Mrs. Look was the Division Chief of ACDA's Strategic Negotiations and Implementation Division, Division Chief of the office responsible for political, military, technical and economic issues as they related to the denuclearization of Eurasia, and the Legal Advisor to the U.S. Delegation to the Nuclear Risk Reduction Centers Agreement negotiations, the U.S. Delegation to the ABM Treaty's Special Consultative Commission and the U.S. Delegation to the Nuclear Risk Reduction Centers Agreement negotiations to the U.S. Delegation to the ABM Treaty's Special Consultative Commission. Mrs. Look began her work as an attorney in the Central Intelligence Agency's Office of General Coursel.

Mrs. Look has her J. D. degree from the University of Virginia Law School and a M. A. in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. Her undergraduate degree in Political Economy is from Sweet Briar College where she became a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mrs. Look, a member of the Senior Executive Service since 1989, is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations, among them: State's Superior Honor Award (Libya), ACDA's Meritorious Honor Award (INF Treaty), Superior Honor Award (leadership on strategic issues), letter from President Reagan for her work on the Nuclear Risk Reduction Centers Agreement, and letter from U.S. National Security Advisor Scowcroft for her role in resolving a major INF Treaty implementation dispute with the Soviet Union.

The VCI Offices of Chemical and Conventional Weapons Affairs (CCA), Biological Weapons Affairs (BW), and the Nuclear Risk Reduction Center (NRRC) report to Mrs. Look.

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