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FLRA ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Colleen Duffy Kiko, Chairman of the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA), in her capacity as Chairperson of the Foreign Service Labor Relations Board (FSLRB), announces the appointment of Thomas J. Miller to serve as a Member on the FSLRB. Ambassador Miller will serve on a part-time basis, as complaints or disputes involving the Foreign Service arise. The appointment is effective for a term expiring on October 6, 2021.

Ambassador Miller has served in senior executive positions in both the government and non-profit sectors and brings a wealth of experience to the FSLRB. A twenty-nine year career diplomat, Ambassador Miller's experience in the Foreign Service spanned many continents. From 2001-04, he served as U.S. Ambassador to Greece, where he focused on security concerns of the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. From 1999-2001, as U.S. Ambassador to Bosnia-Herzegovina, he worked on helping the country recover after a devastating war. From 1997-99, he was Special Coordinator for the Cyprus negotiations (rank of ambassador). He was also posted to Thailand as well as Greece two other times. He also served many years at the State Department in Washington, where he focused on North Africa, the Middle East, and counter-terrorism issues.

After leaving federal service in 2004, Ambassador Miller has held a number of executive and board positions. Since 2011, Ambassador Miller has served as Chair of the Board of the International Commission on Missing Persons, an international organization that identifies missing persons by using DNA-matching techniques. He also serves on the boards of Partnership for a Secure America (promoting bipartisanship in US foreign policy), The People's Trust (supporting young entrepreneurs in Greece), and Lampsa (a Greek hotel company). He is presently the Chair of the Board of Intralot, Inc., a corporation that runs lotteries in 11 states and the District of Columbia.

From 2010 through 2018, Ambassador Miller served as President and CEO of International Executive Service Corps, a non-profit that provides expertise to developing countries to train in best business practices. From 2005 through 2008, he served as CEO of Plan International, a nongovernmental organization that works in 66 countries to improve the lives of children in developing countries.

A native of the Chicago area, Ambassador Miller holds five degrees, including a Ph.D., from the University of Michigan.

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The FSLRB was created by the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to administer the labor-management relations program for Foreign Service employees working for the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for Global Media (formerly the Broadcasting Board of Governors), the U.S. Agency for

International Development, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Board is responsible for: (1) supervising and conducting elections and determining whether a labor organization has been selected as the exclusive representative; (2) resolving complaints of alleged unfair labor practices; (3) resolving issues related to the obligation to bargain in good faith; and (4) resolving disputes over the effect or interpretation of a collective bargaining agreement.

The FLRA administers the labor-management relations program for 2.1 million non-Postal federal employees worldwide, approximately 1.2 million of whom are represented in 2,200 bargaining units. The FLRA is charged with resolving disputes under, and ensuring compliance with, the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute.