

**Statement of Kevin Edward Moley**  
**Nominee to be Assistant Secretary for International Organizations**  
**Senate Committee on Foreign Relations**  
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Chairman Young, Ranking Member Merkley:

I am honored to be here today as the President's nominee to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wife of 48 years, Dorothy. I wouldn't be here without her support, advice, patience, and above all, love.

I've been privileged and honored to have served my country in the Administrations of three Presidents, during President Reagan's Administration, in positions of increasing responsibility at HCFA, now CMS, in President Bush 41's Administration as Assistant Secretary of Management and Budget and later as the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In President Bush 43's Administration, following 9/11, I was nominated to be U.S. Ambassador to the UN and other International Organizations, in Geneva. I was confirmed and served for 4 ½ years as Ambassador.

Following my tenure as Ambassador, I served as Chairman of the Board of Project Concern International (PCI Global.org), a San Diego based NGO, doing development work in Latin America, Asia, and Africa. In that capacity I traveled to Mexico, Guatemala, Tanzania, Zambia, and Ethiopia to observe and assist in PCI's mission. In Tanzania, Zambia, and Ethiopia I met with our U.S. Ambassadors to solicit their views and advice.

If confirmed, I would lead the Bureau of International Organization Affairs (IO), which is the U.S. Government's primary interlocutor with the United Nations and other international agencies and organizations. The Bureau is charged with advancing the President's vision of robust multilateral engagement as a crucial tool in advancing U.S. national interests. U.S. multilateral engagement spans a wide range of global issues, including peace and security, nuclear proliferation, human rights, economic development, global health, and many more.

Within the Department of State, the Bureau of International Organizations Affairs (IO) is known as the "Bureau without Borders", neither constrained by geography nor subject matter. The range of issues within its purview is extremely broad and to meet its challenges requires the expertise of not only our very able career Foreign Service Officers, and Civil Servants, but also the expertise from other Bureaus of the State Department and other agencies of government, as well as outside experts. If confirmed, I would look forward to working collegially with all those in, and out, of government to further America's interests.

My guiding principle, if confirmed to lead IO, will be "America First, but not alone". This means, for example, that at USUN New York, under the extraordinarily able leadership of Ambassador Haley and her team, we will, when necessary to protect our interests, and those of allies, not hesitate to use the veto, as we have done recently, when Israel was most unfairly attacked. In Geneva and elsewhere, where we have U.S. Missions to the UN, and do not have the benefit of the veto, we must be extremely vigilant to protect America's interests. For example, in Geneva, we must protect America's most important product, intellectual property, in the deliberations of the World

Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Likewise, we must protect the integrity and fair use of the internet at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). There are over 20 international organizations in Geneva, in all of which we have important issues at stake. In Vienna, at our Mission to UNVIE, we have vital interests before the IAEA, and other agencies. In Rome, at our Mission to the United Nations, we must increase our efforts to promote sustainable development. As the old adage goes, "It's far better to teach a person to fish than to give them a fish". In Montreal, at our Mission to ICAU, we will protect America's civil aviation interests. In Nairobi, we have interests in protecting the environment and reducing poverty.

I have touched on only a few of the plethora of important issues which will confront the "Bureau without Borders". I am sure you have interests which I have not mentioned. I look forward to your questions.

Senators, in summary, I am proud to have served our nation as an Assistant Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and as a United States Ambassador; however, the title of which I am most proud, is the title I earned over 50 years ago on the Parade Deck at Parris Island, South Carolina: United States Marine.

Thank you.