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**MS. LEOCADIA I. ZAK CONFIRMED AS DIRECTOR OF
U.S. TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BY UNITED STATES SENATE**

Arlington, VA (March 15, 2010) -- The U.S. Trade and Development Agency announces that Ms. Leocadia I. Zak was confirmed on Wednesday, March 10th by the United States Senate to serve as its Director. Ms. Zak has been serving as the Acting Director of USTDA since January 20, 2009 and prior to that served as the Agency's General Counsel (2000 – 2006) and Deputy Director (2006 – 2009).

The U.S. Trade and Development Agency advances economic development and U.S. commercial interests in developing and middle-income countries. The agency funds various forms of technical assistance, early investment analysis, training, orientation visits and business workshops that support the development of a modern infrastructure and a fair and open trading environment. USTDA's strategic use of foreign assistance funds to support sound investment policy and decision-making in host countries creates an enabling environment for trade, investment and sustainable economic development. In carrying out its mission, USTDA gives emphasis to economic sectors that may benefit from U.S. exports of goods and services.

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