

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **Mark P. Lagon**

Ambassador-at-Large

Director, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

Term of Appointment: 05/31/2007 to present

Dr. Mark P. Lagon was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in May 2007 to serve as Ambassador-at-Large and Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP), and Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State. The TIP Office coordinates U.S. Government activities in the global fight against modern-day slavery, including forced labor and sexual exploitation. It produces the Annual Trafficking in Persons Report, the only global, country-by-country assessment of its kind.

Ambassador Lagon chairs the interagency body coordinating U.S. domestic and international efforts to combat human trafficking, the Senior Policy Operating Group. In his tenure, he has focused on programmatic funding of international organizations and non-government organizations to combat TIP and assist victims; vulnerability of migrant laborers to TIP; demand as a driver of sex trafficking and child sex tourism; and corporate social responsibility to stem TIP. He was the head of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking in February 2008. In May 2008, he was head of the U.S. delegation for its regular appearance before the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding U.S. implementation of the Optional Protocols on the Children in Armed Conflict and on Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, and Child Pornography.

From 2004 to 2007, Ambassador Lagon served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs. In this capacity, he had lead responsibility for UN-related human rights and humanitarian issues, as well as UN reform.

Dr. Lagon previously served as a Member of the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff, where he focused on the UN and human rights. From 1999 to 2002, he was a senior staff member of the Republican staff at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, with responsibility for international organizations, human rights, and public diplomacy. Previous foreign affairs positions include: Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow and Deputy Staff Director of the House Republican Policy Committee.

Before working on Capitol Hill, Dr. Lagon was the principal aide to the Director of Foreign Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute, Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick. He has been an adjunct professor at the Institute of World Politics and Georgetown University. Dr. Lagon is the author of The Reagan Doctrine: Sources of American Conduct in the Cold War's Last Chapter (Praeger, 1994). Dr. Lagon has a

Ph.D. from Georgetown University and a B.A. magna cum laude from Harvard University.