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**U.S. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
B. LYNN PASCOE TO VISIT AZERBAIJAN**

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The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce that Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs B. Lynn Pascoe will visit Azerbaijan on November 17, 2003. During his visit he plans to meet with senior Azerbaijani government officials, political party leaders, and representatives of civil society.

A Career Minister in the Senior Foreign Service, Ambassador Pascoe's areas of responsibility include countries in the Eastern Mediterranean, the Caucasus, and Central Asia. Ambassador Pascoe served most recently as American Ambassador in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Ambassador Pascoe earlier served as the U.S. Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh and Regional Conflicts and the U.S. Co-Chair of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) Minsk Group, and has also served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the East Asian and Pacific Bureau of the State Department, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Department of State, and Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State.

In over three decades in the Foreign Service, Ambassador Pascoe has held positions on the Soviet and China desks, and been posted to Moscow, Hong Kong and Bangkok, as well as to Beijing twice, Taipei and Kuala Lumpur.