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AMBASSADOR BARCLAY INTRODUCES NEW USAID DIRECTOR

SAN SALVADOR— During a press conference held today, Ambassador Barclay introduced the new Director for the U.S. Agency for International Development, Mrs. Deborah Kennedy-Iraheta. Additionally, the 45th anniversary of USAID/EI Salvador was commemorated.

The new USAID Director assumed her position in July 2006. Because USAID/EI Salvador serves as a regional USAID hub mission, Mrs. Kennedy-Iraheta has three key management responsibilities: the USAID/EI Salvador bilateral program, the Central America-Mexico regional program, and the provision of regional support services to other regional missions.

“The 45th anniversary of USAID and the arrival of Mrs. Kennedy as new Director give us an opportunity to celebrate past achievements and look to the future,” said Ambassador Barclay.

As Mission Director, Mrs. Kennedy-Iraheta manages a \$45 million combined bilateral and regional budget and supports programming that focuses on accelerating economic growth and prosperity by promoting democracy, sharing the benefits of trade-led growth, expanding and diversifying the economy, and contributing to healthier and better educated people.

USAID is a federal agency that provides economic, development and humanitarian assistance around the world in support of the foreign policy goals of the United States. Since 1962, USAID has invested \$4.5 billion in El Salvador.

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