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Current Assignment: Dr. Frank O. Mora presently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs, one of the three components of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs. In this position he oversees policy issues and defense relations involving countries in the hemisphere as well as U.S. government funding of hemispheric defense cooperation, and the integration of U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command.

Prior Experience: From 2004 to 2009 Dr. Mora was Professor of National Security Strategy and Latin American Studies at the National War College, National Defense University. He taught courses on strategy, global security, and Latin American politics to senior military and civilian officers. He also taught and lectured at several government and civilian academic institutions in the US and abroad, including the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security and Cooperation (WHINSEC), the Universidad Catolica of Peru, Florida International University, the U.S. Air Force Academy, Rhodes College, Air War College, Inter-American Defense College, the University of Miami, the Marine Command and Staff College, and the Instituto de Altos Estudios Estrategicos (Paraguay).

During the last twenty years Dr. Mora worked as a consultant to the Library of Congress, U.S. Department of the Air Force, Department of the Army, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), the National Democratic Institute, U.S. State Department, the Organization of American States, U.S. Joint Staff, U.S. Southern Command, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Dr. Mora has also observed elections in several countries, including Paraguay, Peru and El Salvador. He has spoken at numerous conferences in the United States, Latin America and Europe. His opinion pieces and other commentaries have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Miami Herald*, *La Tercera* (Chile), *Wall Street Journal*, *CNN*, *Los Angeles Times*, *El Tiempo* (Colombia), *National Public Radio*, *Voice of America*, and *USA Today*. Dr. Mora is the author or editor of five books and numerous academic and policy articles and monographs on hemispheric security, U.S.-Latin American relations, civil-military relations, and Latin American foreign policy.

Education: Dr. Mora graduated with a B.A. in International Affairs from The George Washington University in 1986. He received his M.A. in Inter-American Studies (1989) and a Ph.D. in International Affairs from the University of Miami (1993). He also completed studies at universities in Peru and Costa Rica.

Dr. Mora is married and lives in Virginia with his wife, Ivette, and two children, Daniella and Frankie.