# POSITION DESCRIPTION

# United States Representative to the united nations, Department of state

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| **OVERVIEW** |
| Senate Committee | Foreign Relations |
| Agency Mission | The Department of State is the lead institution for the conduct of American diplomacy. |
| Position Overview | The U.S. representative to the United Nations (U.N.) leads the U.S. delegation to the United Nations (USUN), where he or she is responsible for interacting with the world body, particularly through the U.N. Security Council. |
| Compensation | Level IV $155,500 (5 U.S.C. § 5315)[[1]](#endnote-1) |
| Position Reports to | Secretary of State[[2]](#endnote-2) |
| **RESPONSIBILITIES** |
| Management Scope | As is customary in the department, many of the management responsibilities can be delegated to the deputy permanent representative, usually a foreign service officer.[[3]](#endnote-3) |
| Primary Responsibilities | * Represents the U.S. in U.N. deliberations and negotiations, particularly in the U.N. Security Council
* Provides policy advice to the president, secretary of state, and National Security Council on matters relevant to the U.N.
* Leads and manages the U.S. Mission to the U.N.
* Works and coordinates closely with the secretary of state, the national security advisor, U.N. officials (including the U.N. secretary-general), the permanent representatives of other important powers (especially on the U.N. Security Council), deputy ambassadors to the U.N., the deputy secretary of state, the undersecretary of state for political affairs, the assistant secretary for international organization affairs, senior officials from the White House and other departments and agencies, the foreign affairs community, senior diplomats from around the globe and nongovernmental organizations [[4]](#endnote-4)
* Advances American interests related to international peace and security; advances international cooperation in solving the global problems of economic, social, cultural or humanitarian nature; and strengthens international relations before the U.N.
* Negotiates U.S. foreign policies and objectives, solicits support, and votes and liaises with the U.N. secretariat[[5]](#endnote-5)
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| Strategic Goals and Priorities | [Depends on the policy priorities of the administration] |
| **REQUIREMENTS AND COMPETENCIES** |
| Requirements | * Strong, substantive expertise in international affairs
* International experience and exposure[[6]](#endnote-6)
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| Competencies | * Excellent negotiating and international political skills
* Ability to work collaboratively with others
* Strong media and communications skills
* Ability to deal with multiple issues concurrently[[7]](#endnote-7)
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| **PAST APPOINTEES** |
| Nikki Haley (2017 to present): Member, State Fiscal Accountability Authority, State of South Carolina; Executive Committee Member, Executive Committee, Republican Governors Association; Member, Board of Directors, Southern States Energy Board[[8]](#endnote-8) |
| Samantha Power (2013 to 2017): Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, National Security Staff, The White House; Anna Lindh Professor of the Practice of Global Leadership and Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Founding Executive Director, The Carr Center for Human Rights Policy[[9]](#endnote-9) |
| Susan E. Rice (2009 to 2013): U.S. Representative, United Nations Security Council; Member, White House Council on Women and Girls, Office of Public Engagement, Executive Office of the President; Member, National Security Council Principals Committee, Executive Office of the President[[10]](#endnote-10) |

1. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-31, May 5, 2017), contains a provision that continues the freeze on the payable pay rates for certain senior political officials at 2013 levels during calendar year 2017. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Romney Transition Project position description [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Romney Transition Project position description [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. Romney Transition Project position description [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. OPM [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. Romney Transition Project position description [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
7. Romney Transition Project position description [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
8. Leadership Directories [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
9. https://usun.state.gov/leadership/6625 [↑](#endnote-ref-9)
10. Leadership Directories [↑](#endnote-ref-10)