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**The Secretary Announces the Office of the Special  
Representative for Global Intergovernmental Affairs  
(S/SRGIA)**

The Secretary announces the Office of the Special Representative for Global Intergovernmental Affairs. Special Representative Reta Jo Lewis (S/SRGIA) will serve the global needs of U.S. intergovernmental officials and the entities they represent. Special Representative Lewis will work to enhance relationships between state and local officials in the U.S. with intergovernmental officials around the world, to support local governance capacity building exchanges and programs to strengthen country-led processes, and to serve as a point of entry for the global needs and goals of U.S. intergovernmental officials.

Special Representative Reta Jo Lewis is located in Harry S. Truman Building, Room 1010. Special Representative Lewis can be reached at (202) 647-6252.