



United States Agency For International Development
The Administrator

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TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

On behalf of the U.S. Agency for International Development, I am pleased to transmit the Administration's budget justification for authorization and appropriations for the programs administered by the Agency in fiscal year 2004.

Through its economic assistance programs, USAID plays an active and critical role in the promotion of U.S. foreign policy interests. The investment this agency makes in developing countries has long-term benefits for America and the American people. Development now takes its place alongside defense and diplomacy as the three essential components of American foreign policy.

The Administration's budget request and its programs, objectives and results are described in detail in the following material and accompanying annexes. I urge the Congress to give favorable consideration to the Administration's economic assistance budget request.

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