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AMBASSADOR ERIC EDELMAN JOINS CSBA

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The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments welcomes Ambassador Eric S. Edelman as the Center's new Distinguished Fellow.

As a senior official at the Departments of State and Defense, in the Office of the Vice President, and as a Career Minister with three decades of experience in the U.S. Foreign Service, Dr. Edelman brings to CSBA a wealth of experience and accomplishment in the fields of diplomacy, national security policy, and strategy. In his new role, Ambassador Edelman will lead independent projects and participate in ongoing CSBA research activities in the areas of national security policy, strategy, and alliance matters.

"We are delighted to have Ambassador Edelman join the CSBA family," said the Center's President, Andrew Krepinevich. "An enormously talented scholar and practitioner of foreign affairs, his record of accomplishment in applying both 'hard' and 'soft' power, under both Democratic and Republican administrations, makes him ideally suited for CSBA's mission of promoting thoughtful, non-partisan approaches to today's challenging security problems."

Ambassador Edelman most recently served as Under Secretary of Defense for Policy from 2005 until early 2009. His overseas posts include ambassadorships to Turkey and Finland, as well as assignments in Russia, the West Bank, and the Czech Republic.

Ambassador Edelman holds a B.A. in History and Government from Cornell University, and a Ph.D. in U.S. Diplomatic History from Yale University.

He is a recipient of the Secretary of Defense's Medals for Distinguished Public Service (2009) and Distinguished Civilian Service (1993), as well as the State Department's Superior Honor Award (1990 and 1996).