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- Steven Lett is in his eleventh year as Head of the Cospas-Sarsat Secretariat, the permanent administrative organ for the Cospas-Sarsat Programme, headquartered in Montréal, Québec, Canada.
- Previously, Mr. Lett was deputy to the U.S. ambassador coordinating communications policy at the U.S. Department of State. During his 22 years there he was responsible for strategic international policy-making and diplomatic outreach for issues that included emerging technologies, maritime and aviation safety and security, Internet security and privacy, and improved access to information and communications technologies for the world's poor.
- Mr. Lett has been a representative and delegation head at meetings of the UN and its agencies, such as the International Maritime Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, and the International Telecommunication Union, as well as at other intergovernmental organizations such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.
- He has testified about satellite matters before the U.S. Senate.
- Prior to working at the State Department, Mr. Lett had responsibilities for maritime and satellite issues during eight years of service at the U.S. Federal Communications Commission.
- A native of Alexandria, Virginia, Mr. Lett completed bachelor's degree programs at Duke University (Durham, NC, USA) in Electrical Engineering, and in Public Policy, and holds a Master of Science degree with distinction from the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy (Washington, DC, USA) where he studied, among other things, disaster management.