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Colleagues,

In case not seen, sharing some welcome news that Jessica Stern, known to the mission here through her role in the LGBTI Core Group and as director of Outright International, has been appointed by President Biden as US Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTQI persons. [President Biden Announces U.S. Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons | The White House](#)

In a piece of nice timing, we expect that at COB NY today the silence procedure will pass on our application, jointly with South Africa, to join the LGBTI Core Group (which Jessica Stern co-founded). This has been several years in the making because of the difficulty in securing a Global South partner to join the group with (a condition of membership). Joining with South Africa will be impactful in that they will be the only African country apart from Cabo Verde in the group.

Ms. Stern participated in a Pride dinner at the mission in 2019 with then minister Katherine Zappone and I recall they met a number of times. Ms. Stern has been championing Ireland's membership of the Core Group.

Regards,

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