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ALBRIGHT STONEBRIDGE GROUP WELCOMES NEW SENIOR ADDITIONS

- Manpreet Singh Anand, Helen La Lime, and Luis Guillermo Plata Bring New Capabilities in South Asia, Africa, and Latin America -

WASHINGTON, DC (May 3, 2018) - <u>Albright Stonebridge Group</u> (ASG), the global business strategy and commercial diplomacy firm, announced that Manpreet Singh Anand has joined the firm's South Asia practice, Helen La Lime has joined the Africa practice, and Luis Guillermo Plata has joined the Latin America practice.

"ASG clients look to us to help make informed business decisions and capture new opportunities," said Donald Gips, ASG Principal. "Helen, Luis, and Manpreet bring nuanced understandings of political and economic issues in some of the world's most dynamic and complex regions, and each exemplifies the deep expertise and experience we are proud to offer our clients."

• Manpreet Singh Anand joins ASG as Senior Vice President of the firm's South Asia practice to lead its Washington, DC-based team. Previously, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of State, where he oversaw U.S. policy towards and diplomatic relations with the countries of South Asia. Earlier in his career, Mr. Anand served at the U.S. Agency for International Development, as a senior policy advisor at a global energy company, and on the House Foreign Affairs Committee staff in the U.S. Congress.

<u>ASG's South Asia practice</u> includes a network of advisors and partners, based in Washington, DC and New Delhi, with deep operating experience across the region.

Ambassador Helen La Lime joins ASG as Senior Advisor after a distinguished 38-year career in the U.S.
Foreign Service during which she earned the rank of Minister Counselor and served twice as
ambassador. Most recently she served as U.S. Ambassador to Angola, and before that as the Director
of Outreach with U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany. As U.S. Ambassador to Mozambique
she helped expand the U.S. business relationships through the ratification of a Trade and Investment
Framework Agreement.

<u>ASG's Africa practice</u> includes two former U.S. Assistant Secretaries of State for African Affairs, among other senior experts, and a network across the continent, with advisors based in Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, and Uganda.

<u>Luis Guillermo Plata</u>, based in Bogotá, joins ASG as Senior Advisor. Previously, as Colombia's Minister
of Trade, Industry, and Tourism, he was responsible for policy and the promotion of exports, foreign



investments, and tourism in Colombia. Minister Plata negotiated free trade agreements with Canada, Central America, and the European Union. He also served as CEO of PROEXPORT (now PROCOLOMBIA), the Colombian government agency in charge of promoting trade, investment, and tourism.

<u>ASG's Latin America practice</u> includes an advisory network of former senior officials and business leaders based in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and the U.S.

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