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As the U.S. Ambassador to the Vienna Office of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency, H.E. Ms Ambassador Laura Holgate advances multilateral cooperation in nuclear nonproliferation; nuclear security, safety, and safeguards; the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, science, and technology; nuclear testing; counterterrorism; anti-corruption; drug policy; cybercrime; and export control. She previously held the position from July 2016 to January 2017.

From 2018 to 2021, Ambassador Holgate was vice president for materials risk management at the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI). In this capacity, she designed and executed activities to prevent nuclear terrorism, enhancing global nuclear and radiological materials security. Ambassador Holgate also co-led the establishment of Gender Champions in Nuclear Policy in 2018, promoting women's presence and impact in related fields. Her career includes serving as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism and Threat Reduction on the U.S. National Security Council from 2009 to 2016, where she played a key role in shaping national policies to address global threats. Holgate has a B.A. in politics from Princeton University and a M.S. in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.