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Richard Self recently retired as the Attaché at the U.S. Permanent Mission to the WTO in Geneva, Switzerland. There, he was responsible for the management of several committees under WTO auspices, including the Services Council, which oversees the operation of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).

In addition, he was the U.S. Negotiator for the accession process of a number of countries seeking entry into the WTO, including all the former member states of the Soviet Union, Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) and the People's Republic of China. Mr. Self's other responsibilities included the Geneva point for the services aspects of the economic commerce deliberations within the WTO.

Prior to his posting in Geneva in 1995, Mr. Self was the Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Services. In this capacity, he served as the Chief U.S. Negotiator for Services during the Uruguay Round. He served in a similar capacity during the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement negotiations. He was responsible for the overall coordination and development of American trade policies affecting the services sectors.

Prior to joining the U.S. Trade Representative in 1981, Mr. Self was a professional staff member of the Committee on Ways and Means in the House of Representatives.

From 1970 to 1980, he was Director of the Office of Tariff Affairs in the Department of the Treasury, which administered the antidumping and countervailing duty laws.

A native of Oklahoma, Mr. Self is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma.