

Biography



Jonathan Winer
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Jonathan Winer is the State Department's Special Envoy for Libya and Senior Advisor for MEK Resettlement. At the State Department, Mr. Winer is responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing U.S. policy on Libya, as well as resettling Iranian persons found to be in need of international protection out of Iraq.

He was previously U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for international law enforcement, where he was one of the architects of U.S. international policies and strategies on promoting and harmonizing financial transparency, as well as on cross-border law enforcement issues such as cybercrime, small arms trafficking, illegal immigration, and money laundering. He initiated the establishment of International Law Enforcement Academies in Bangkok and Gaborone and served as the first General Secretary of the Global Forum on Corruption.

Mr. Winer previously served for 10 years as counsel and principal legislative assistant to then-U.S. Senator John F. Kerry. In November 1999, Mr. Winer received a distinguished honor award from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright for his service at the State Department. The award stated that "he created the capacity of the Department and the U.S. government to deal with international crime and criminal justice as important foreign policy functions," and that "the scope and significance of his achievements are virtually unprecedented for any single official."