

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

## ASSIGNMENT AND POLICY COMMITMENT

The Foreign Service Act and appropriate personnel regulations require three commitments from candidates for appointment to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), International Services (IS), Foreign Service (FS).

1. Candidates for the FS should understand that members of the FS are expected to be available for worldwide service, as are their families. Anyone who is prepared to serve only at specific posts or specific countries/regions will not be appointed to the FS.
2. Candidates should understand that the interests of the FS may require members to accept temporary assignments outside their desired functional field. All members are expected to accept such assignments willingly in accordance with FS discipline.
3. In the official performance of their duties as representatives of the United States Government, FS members may be called upon to support and defend policies with which they are not personally in full agreement. On such occasions normal standards of FS discipline will apply. Ample opportunity is provided within official channels for discussion and dissent with respect to the development and conduct of United States foreign policy.

You should understand that acceptance of these three basic commitments: (1) availability for worldwide assignment, (2) willingness to accept out-of-function assignments, and (3) observance of FS discipline with respect to public support of established United States policy is a condition of employment with APHIS-IS-FS.

In addition, APHIS-IS requires all FS Officers/Specialists to maintain the highest standards of conduct and to continually demonstrate their suitability to service as an FS Officer/Specialist.

**I FULLY UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THESE COMMITMENTS AND THE APHIS-IS REQUIREMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH MY APPLICATION FOR FS:**

PRINT NAME:

DATE:

SIGNATURE: