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Ambassador Charles Shapiro is leading the State Department task force to secure congressional approval for the Free Trade Agreements with Peru, Colombia and Panama.

Ambassador Shapiro was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs (2005-2007) and U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela (2002-2004).

Shapiro joined the Department of State in 1977. In addition to his posting as Ambassador to Venezuela, he has served in the U.S. embassies in Santiago, Chile and Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, El Salvador and Denmark. He has held a number of assignments in Washington focusing primarily on the Western Hemisphere.

Ambassador Shapiro was the recipient of a Presidential Meritorious Service Award in 2005 and has received various performance and honor awards. In 2007 the Government of Chile decorated him with the “Orden al Mérito.” His foreign languages are Spanish and Danish.

A native of Atlanta, Shapiro is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Georgia State University, and the Department of State’s Senior Seminar.