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Kevin McGurgan is the British Consul General and took up his appointment as Her Majesty's Consul-General in Miami in December 2009. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1971, Kevin joined the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1990. He comes to Miami from southern Afghanistan, where he spent 2008/9 as Deputy Head of the NATO Provincial Reconstruction Team in Helmand province. Since 2005 he has worked predominately on international security issues. Until 2007 he was Deputy Head of the Iraq Policy Unit, responsible for political and security advice to British Ministers on the situation in southern Iraq and delivery of security and justice sector reform programs. He then worked at the Home Office, providing UK Ministers with advice on countries, regions and institutions of strategic importance to the UK. This is Mr. McGurgan's second posting to the United States. From 1997 – 2000, he was the lead UK negotiator at the United Nations in New York on multilateral sanctions regimes. Kevin's earlier diplomatic career has seen him serve short tours in Russia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Syria (1993-4); as a press officer in the UK's Permanent Representation to the European Union (1994-5); as a political and consular officer in Bosnia (1996-7) and from 2003-2005 as Head of the Political and Economic team in Sweden with a specific focus on European policy issues and counter-terrorism

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