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MEMORANDUM FOR Andre Barbe
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SUBJECT: Appointment as the Statistical Official for ITA

In accordance with the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (Evidence Act) and associated Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance (M-19-23), and in support of the strategic goal of leveraging data as a strategic asset, you are hereby appointed as the Statistical Official for the International Trade Administration (ITA). This appointment is in addition to your current classified position and does not change your official assignment or supervisor.

The Evidence Act (signed into law January 2019) requires the head of each agency to establish an agency Data Governance Body, chaired by the Chief Data Officer with participation from the Evaluation Officer, Statistical Official, and relevant senior-level staff in agency business units, data functions, and financial management. In July 2019, OMB issued Memorandum M-19-23, implementing actions that Agencies must take and recommending the Bureaus and components take similar actions and make similar appointments.

In your role as Statistical Official, you shall co-chair the ITA Data Governance Board and coordinate such activities as required to respond on behalf of ITA to Evidence Act deliverables as promulgated by OMB and the Commerce Data Governance Board.

cc: Commerce Data Governance Board
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