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Isn't it going to be elevated again to a cabinet level position? I know the job goes back and forth under different administrations. Should we add that?

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On Nov 23, 2016, at 9:38 AM, Godfrey, Rob <RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

I made a few changes to the first paragraph. Are y'all good here?

On November 23, 2016, President-elect Donald Trump announced that he will appoint Governor Nikki Haley to be the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, a role of Ambassador. Accordingly, Governor Haley would resign from the office of Governor upon confirmation of her nomination by the United States Senate. Confirmation would not occur before January 20, 2017, the date of President-elect Trump's inauguration, and would likely occur after that date.

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Gubernatorial Transition

On November 23, 2016, President-elect Donald Trump announced that he will appoint Governor Nikki Haley to be the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, a role of Ambassador. Accordingly, Governor Haley plans to resign from the office of Governor on or soon after January 20, 2017, the date of President-elect Trump's inauguration.

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 11 of the South Carolina Constitution, “In the case of the removal of the Governor from office by ... resignation ..., the Lieutenant Governor shall be Governor.”

Accordingly, Lieutenant Governor Henry McMaster will become Governor as soon as Governor Haley resigns, thereby resigning from the office of Lieutenant Governor, and will serve the remainder of Governor Haley’s unexpired term, which will end at noon on January 9, 2019.

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 11 of the South Carolina Constitution, “In the case of removal of the Lieutenant Governor from office by ... resignation ..., the Governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, a successor to fulfill the unexpired term.”

Accordingly, Governor-to-be McMaster will appoint a Lieutenant Governor who must be confirmed by the Senate.

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