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Ona Spreenberg is thrilled to continue her career in public service by joining the Secretary of the Air Force International Affairs, where she will focus on fostering security cooperation with U.S. allies and partners. Previously, she was a Policy Specialist at the Department of Commerce, advancing policy initiatives on cybersecurity, ICT supply chains, and emerging technology standards. Before Commerce, Ona shaped U.S. messaging on key national security priorities related to China, the Indo-Pacific, and Latin America for the Department of State. While pursuing her M.A. in Security Studies at Georgetown University, Ona served as Editor-in-Chief of the Georgetown Security Studies Review, leading a team of 60 staff and ensuring publication integrity and excellence. Raised in Barcelona, Spain, Ona speaks Catalan, Spanish, French, and Portuguese, which she is eager to apply in her work in foreign affairs.

