

# Press Releases: Secretary of State Pompeo to Lead U.S. Delegation to the Organization of American States General Assembly

Notice to the Press  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
June 1, 2018

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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will lead the U.S. delegation to the 48<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), the Western Hemisphere's oldest and most respected multilateral organization, to be held in Washington, D.C. June 3-5. Secretary Pompeo will address the General Assembly's plenary session at 11:05 a.m. on Monday, June 4 and will engage in discussions and consultations with regional counterparts on issues of shared interest.

The U.S. delegation will also include Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan, Ambassador Carlos Trujillo, U.S. Permanent Representative to the OAS, and Francisco Palmieri, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs.

The Secretary's address at the plenary session will be open to the press. To cover the Secretary's remarks, please register at the [OAS' press manual site](#). Please contact the OAS Press Office at [oaspress@oas.org](mailto:oaspress@oas.org) or 1-202-370-5437 for questions about press access.

The Secretary's speech will be livestreamed at [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov). Follow @StateDept during the event for updates and live tweets.

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## **Press Releases: Acting Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Susan Thornton Travels to Singapore**

Media Note  
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Acting Assistant Secretary Susan Thornton will travel to Singapore, June 4-7, 2018. In Singapore, she will participate in Senior Officials Meetings for the East Asia Summit and ASEAN Regional Forum, and chair Senior Officials Meetings for the Lower Mekong Initiative and the Friends of the Lower Mekong. She will also engage with her counterparts on a range of political, security, and economic issues.

For further information, please follow @USAsiaPacific.

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## **Press Releases: On the Occasion of Republic Day in Italy**

Press Statement

Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC

June 1, 2018

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On behalf of President Trump and the American people, I extend my best wishes and congratulations to our friends in Italy on this 72nd anniversary of the foundation of the Italian Republic.

As Italians celebrate with family and friends, we in the United States take pride in all that our two countries have accomplished together as close allies and friends. Our continued economic, political, and security cooperation is vital to address common challenges, including strengthening transatlantic security and fighting terrorism around the world.

American culture continues to be immeasurably enriched by Italy. Millions of Americans trace their roots to Italy, and our relationship is based on mutual respect and affection. It is in this spirit that the United States looks forward to continued cooperation with our Italian partners and to building upon our existing collaboration.

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## **[Press Releases: LGBTI Pride Month](#)**

Press Statement

Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC

June 1, 2018

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The United States joins people around the world in celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTI) Pride Month, and reaffirms its commitment to protecting and defending the human rights of all, including LGBTI persons.

In many parts of the world, LGBTI individuals and their supporters continue to face violence, arrest, harassment and intimidation for standing up for their human rights, participating in peaceful marches and rallies, expressing their views, and simply being who they are. LGBTI persons – like all persons – must be free to enjoy their human rights and fundamental freedoms, including freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, and association, without fear of reprisal. As Americans, we place a high value on these rights and freedoms, which all persons deserve to enjoy fully and equally.

The United States stands firmly with you as you exercise your human rights and fundamental freedoms. We wish you a safe and happy Pride Month.

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## **[Press Releases: Recommendations to the President on Securing America's Cyber Interests and Deterring Cyber Threats Through International Engagement](#)**

Press Statement  
Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
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As a highly connected nation, the United States depends on the open, interoperable, reliable, and secure global Internet. Through its diplomatic efforts, international engagement, and coordination on behalf of the U.S. government, the U.S. Department of State advances U.S. objectives in cyberspace to ensure that the Internet and other connected technologies remain valuable and viable tools for future generations.

As directed by Executive Order 13800 (the cybersecurity E.O.), the Department of State worked with colleagues across the federal government to produce recommendations for the President on securing America's cyber interests and deterring cyber adversaries by engaging international partners on these critical domestic and foreign policy imperatives.

A year after the 2017 publication of the cybersecurity E.O., the Department is releasing two products detailing U.S. policy objectives and international engagement approaches to reduce the risk of conflict stemming from the use of cyberspace, improve the ability of the United States to deter malicious cyber actors, uphold the open and interoperable Internet, facilitate the achievement of U.S. economic prosperity, and advance an international regulatory environment that supports innovation and respects the global nature of cyberspace.

These [documents and their recommendations](#) emphasize the importance of the Department's and the U.S. government's ongoing work to engage foreign partners to address a range of threats in cyberspace, thereby improving the cybersecurity of the nation. They further acknowledge the necessity of enhancing U.S. government coordination on all fronts to maximize the effectiveness of international outreach on cyber policy. The Department of State is committed to fulfilling its leadership role in this process.

For more information, please visit <https://www.state.gov/s/cyberissues/> or follow the Office of the Coordinator for Cyber Issues @State\_Cyber.

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