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Readout
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC
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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson spoke by phone yesterday with Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi. Secretary Tillerson and the Foreign Minister discussed continued strong U.S. support for Jordan, our two countries' interest in maintaining the de-escalation area in southern Syria, support for the upcoming UN-sponsored Syrian political talks in Geneva, as well as the importance of addressing humanitarian needs in Syria.

The Secretary and Foreign Minister Safadi also discussed important regional issues including the latest developments in Lebanon. The Secretary reaffirmed the United States' support for Lebanese independence, sovereignty, and stability.

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Investors Selected for the 2017 Global Entrepreneurship Summit

Media Note

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The United States and India are proud to announce the selection of the 1,500 individuals who will participate in the 2017 Global Entrepreneurship Summit, which will be co-hosted by the United States and India in Hyderabad, India, November 28-30.

Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump will lead the U.S. contingent to the summit, which will highlight the theme of “Women First, Prosperity for All” and focus on supporting women entrepreneurs and fostering economic growth globally.

Participants at this year’s GES represent four key industry sectors: Energy and Infrastructure, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Financial Technology and Digital Economy, and Media and Entertainment. Approximately one third of the entrepreneurs are from the United States, one third are from India, and one third are from other countries around the globe. The 1,500 participants include nearly 300 investors and ecosystem supporters who will catalyze investment and networking at the Summit. Here are a few key facts on this impressive, diverse group.

- Women will represent 52.5 percent of entrepreneurs, investors and ecosystem supporters at GES 2017. This is the first time that women have been the majority of participants at a GES.
- Women from 127 countries are participating. 10+ countries will be represented by an all-female delegation, including Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, and Israel.
- Overall, participants hail from 150 countries and territories across the world.
- The American entrepreneurs, investors, and ecosystem supporters come from 38 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.
- Indian entrepreneurs from the length and breadth of the country will join GES and connect with entrepreneurs and investors from around the world.
- 31.5 percent of entrepreneurs at GES are 30 years old or younger.
- The youngest entrepreneur is 13 and the oldest entrepreneur is 84.

For more information on the Global Entrepreneurship Summit, please visit www.ges2017.org and follow @ges2017 on Twitter and ges2017 on Instagram. Media inquiries about the Summit should be sent to summitmedia@state.gov.

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Press Releases: Deputy Secretary John J. Sullivan's Meeting with Libyan Prime Minister al-Sarraaj

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The following is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Deputy Secretary Sullivan met with Libyan Prime Minister Fayez al-Sarraaj today in Tunis to affirm the United States' continued partnership with Libya and the Government of National Accord, and the United States' commitment to helping the Libyan people realize a more stable, unified, and prosperous future. The Deputy Secretary thanked Prime Minister al-Sarraaj for his leadership and efforts to advance political reconciliation in Libya and for his stalwart partnership in countering terrorism and defeating ISIS.

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Press Releases: On the Occasion of Sovereign Prince's Day in Monaco

Press Statement
Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Washington, DC
November 18, 2017

On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I would like to congratulate the people of Monaco as you celebrate La Fête du Prince.

Monaco has been a trusted partner of the United States since 1866, and our government values the warm relations and enduring friendship between our two countries. By maintaining this partnership, we can continue to advance our joint interests in maintaining peace and expanding prosperity on both sides of the Atlantic.

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Press Releases: Marking the 84th

Anniversary of the Ukrainian Holodomor

Press Statement
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC
November 17, 2017

This month we remember and honor the millions of Ukrainians who were starved to death in the early 1930s as a result of the brutal Soviet-era policies under Stalin. The barbaric seizure of Ukrainian land and crops leading to the Holodomor, or “death by hunger,” was one of the most atrocious acts of the twentieth century and turned Europe’s breadbasket into a land of immense human suffering.

Commemorating the Holodomor is a solemn occasion, but we also celebrate the resilience of Holodomor survivors, who carry with them the memory of loved ones lost during this horrific man-made famine. Ultimately, the Soviet regime failed to destroy the identity and independence of the Ukrainian people.

The United States stands with the people of Ukraine as we commemorate this Soviet-manufactured tragedy and condemn efforts to deny it as a historical fact. We also reaffirm our commitment to a secure and prosperous Ukraine, free from external aggression and occupation, and able to choose its own future.

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