

# Press Releases: U.S.-EU Joint Consultative Group Meeting on Science and Technology Cooperation

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On October 23, 2017, in Washington, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs Judith G. Garber and E.U. Director-General for Research and Innovation Robert-Jan Smits, convened the United States-European Union Joint Consultative Group Meeting on Science and Technology Cooperation (JCG). The JCG provides an opportunity to exchange views on some of the most important transatlantic science and technology endeavors and to align American and European research and innovation efforts for mutual benefit. Both sides recognized the role of research and innovation as key drivers of jobs and economic growth, and that transatlantic research cooperation has been a primary source of new technologies and scientific discoveries for over a century. The Department of State also thanked the European Commission for the valuable assistance provided by the [Copernicus satellite program](#) during the recent hurricanes.

Efforts to further facilitate transatlantic cooperation between scientists under Horizon 2020, the European Union's \$80 billion research program (and its successor), and American research programs were featured prominently. Both sides discussed achievements and potential future strategic areas of cooperation and program alignment including: the Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance, which extends into the Arctic region; Mission Innovation; other advanced energy research cooperation; and major health initiatives, such as brain research. Both sides agreed to continue and expand cooperation, building on the ongoing success of program alignment and to work together to renew the U.S.-EU Science and Technology Agreement for an additional five years.

The JCG brought together representatives of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation with representatives from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Departments of State, Commerce, Defense, Energy, Interior, the National Science Foundation, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The United States and European Union look forward to strengthening our cooperation and the EU's 2018-2020 Work Programme for Horizon 2020, launched on October 27, 2017.

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## **Press Releases: On U.S. Support for Spanish Unity**

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
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The United States enjoys a great friendship and an enduring partnership with our NATO Ally Spain. Our two countries cooperate closely to advance our shared security and economic priorities. Catalonia is an integral part of Spain, and the United States supports the Spanish government's constitutional measures to keep Spain strong and united.

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## **Press Releases: St. Vincent and the Grenadines Independence Day**

Press Statement  
Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
October 27, 2017

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On behalf of the United States, we offer our best wishes to the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines as you celebrate 38 years of independence.

The United States enjoys our partnership with the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in advocating democratic principles, economic opportunity, and regional security cooperation. Today we celebrate our strong people-to-people connections and look forward to working together towards shared goals stated in Caribbean 2020, for a more secure and prosperous future.

We wish the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines a happy Independence Day celebration with peace and prosperity throughout the year to come.

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## **Press Releases: Turkmenistan National**

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Press Statement  
Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, congratulations to the people of Turkmenistan as you celebrate the 26 years of your nation's independence.

The United States and Turkmenistan have been working together for 26 years to create a more prosperous, peaceful, and stable region. We reaffirm our commitment to Turkmenistan's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity, and we look forward to working closely with you on issues of mutual interest, from promoting regional stability to promoting cultural and educational exchanges between our people.

We send the people of Turkmenistan our best wishes as you celebrate this special day, and we hope our partnership grows stronger over the next year.

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# 1977-1980, Volume XVII, Part 3, North Africa

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The Department of State released today *Foreign Relations of the United States, 1977–1980, Volume XVII, Part 3, North Africa*.

This volume is part of a *Foreign Relations* subseries that documents the foreign policy decisions of the administration of President Jimmy Carter. The volume documents the Carter administration's efforts to promote peace and stability in the Maghreb through a variety of strategies that addressed the many challenges in the region: "normalizing" relations with Algeria and Libya; reassuring Morocco and Tunisia of the administration's continued support and consultation on the Middle East peace initiative; and serving as an "honest broker" in the regional dispute over the Western Sahara.

This compilation was compiled and edited by Myra F. Burton. The volume and this press release are available on the Office of the Historian website at <https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1977-80v17p3>. Copies of the volume will be available for purchase from the U.S. Government Publishing Office online at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov> (GPO S/N 044-000-02690-2; ISBN 978-0-16-094172-6), or by calling toll-free 1-866-512-1800 (D.C. area 202-512-1800). For further information, contact [history@state.gov](mailto:history@state.gov).

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