<u>Press Releases: Assistant Secretary</u> <u>Marie Royce Travels to the United</u> <u>Kingdom, Greece, and Finland</u>

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Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Marie Royce will travel to the United Kingdom, Greece, and Finland, September 10–19, to promote and strengthen the State Department's cultural and educational diplomacy efforts in Europe.

While in the United Kingdom, Assistant Secretary Royce will provide remarks at the House of Commons on September 12 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the U.S.-U.K. Fulbright Commission. She will also meet with government officials, academic leaders, and alumni of the Fulbright, International Visitor Leadership Program, and other State Department-sponsored exchange programs.

In Greece, Assistant Secretary Royce will deliver closing remarks to the Digital Communications Network Influencers Forum at the Thessaloniki International Fair, where the United States is being recognized as the Honored Country. She will also speak about the 70th anniversary of the U.S.-Greece Fulbright Commission at a Greek-American Relations conference, and will meet with <u>Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund</u> grantees, as well as government officials.

Finally in Finland, Assistant Secretary Royce will visit the European Center for Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats, engage with Fulbright Finland Foundation and the Finnish National Agency for Education, meet with government officials, and provide opening remarks at the Institute of International Education Generation Study Abroad Symposium, an initiative launched in 2014 to double and diversify the number of U.S. students studying abroad by the end of the decade.

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