

# Press Releases: Deputy Secretary John Sullivan's Meetings with Bulgaria's Minister of Foreign Affairs Ekaterina Zakharieva

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The below is attributable to Deputy Spokesperson Robert Palladino:□

In Sofia on December 14, during a meeting with Foreign Minister Ekaterina Zakharieva, Deputy Secretary John Sullivan advocated for NATO-interoperable U.S. systems as Bulgaria seeks to modernize its armed forces. The Deputy Secretary also emphasized the importance of further developing U.S.-Bulgarian commercial ties, fostering stability and economic development of the Western Balkans, and developing ever-closer cooperation within NATO. He also highlighted the importance for Bulgaria of enhancing its energy security.

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