<u>Press Releases: Deputy Secretary</u> <u>Sullivan Address in Support of the</u> <u>Minnesota-USA 2023 Expo Bid</u>

Notice to the Press Office of the Spokesperson

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As announced on October 26, Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan will travel to Paris, France to address the 162nd Bureau of International Expositions (BIE) General Assembly in support of the United States' bid to host the 2023 World's Fair in Minnesota (see <u>video</u> and <u>transcript</u> of announcement).

The United States is one of three countries competing to host the 2022/2023 World's Fair. Minnesota's proposed specialized exposition would take place between May and August 2023 under the banner "Healthy People, Healthy Planet" focusing on health, wellness, and medical technology. The member states of the BIE, an international organization based in Paris, will select the host city during its General Assembly on November 15. The United States is once again a member of the BIE, following the passage of legislation signed by President Trump on May 8, 2017 (P.L. 115-32).

Media interested in attending the 162nd General Assembly of the BIE may request accreditation until November 7 through the BIE accreditation <u>form</u> available on the BIE <u>website</u>.

For further information on the United States' bid to host the 2023 Expo please visit <u>http://expo2023.info/</u> or <u>@Expo_2023</u> on Twitter. For more information about covering the November 15 vote in Paris, please contact the State Department's Office of Press Relations, 202-647-2492.

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