<u>Press Releases: Deputy Secretary</u> <u>Sullivan's Meeting With Austrian</u> <u>Secretary General for Foreign Affairs</u> <u>Peterlik</u>

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The below is attributable to Deputy Spokesperson Robert Palladino:

Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan met today in Vienna with Austrian Secretary General for Foreign Affairs Johannes Peterlik. During the meeting, Deputy Secretary Sullivan reaffirmed the importance of U.S.-Austrian bilateral relations and thanked him for Austria's contributions to security cooperation in Afghanistan and the Western Balkans. The Deputy Secretary also emphasized the need to counter the malign activities of the Iranian regime such as its ballistic missile program and the importance of maintaining sanctions on Russia.

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