<u>Press Releases: On the Occasion of Bastille Day in France</u>

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On behalf of all Americans, congratulations to the people of France as you celebrate Bastille Day on July 14.

This year, as we commemorate the centennial anniversary of American, French, and Allied participation in World War I, we celebrate our continued mutual commitment to freedom, democracy, and prosperity. The United States and France are staunch allies and partners in efforts to counter terrorism, improve global security, support economic prosperity, and ensure people all over the world can live in freedom and peace.

The alliance between the United States and France has endured over two centuries, and we look forward to continued cooperation and joint success. Our best wishes to the people of France as you celebrate this special day.

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