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SECRETARY POMPEO: Good afternoon. I just want to say welcome. We're thrilled to have you here. It's good to see you. I look forward to a productive afternoon talking to you.

FOREIGN MINISTER BLOK: Thank you.

SECRETARY POMPEO: Thank you. Good to see you.

FOREIGN MINISTER BLOK: It's a pleasure to be here. As you no doubt know, the Netherlands was the first country to recognize newly independent United

States.

SECRETARY POMPEO: Yeah, a couple years ago. (Laughter.)

FOREIGN MINISTER BLOK: Well, and I can tell you we never regret it.

SECRETARY POMPEO: Thank you, sir. Thank you. Good afternoon.

QUESTION: Mr. Secretary, are you confident the North Korea summit's still

happening?

SECRETARY POMPEO: Thanks, thanks for coming.

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