

# Press Releases: Remarks With Singaporean Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan Before Their Meeting

Remarks  
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**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome.

**FOREIGN MINISTER BALAKRISHNAN:** Thank you.

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Very, very nice to see you. Thanks for coming to visit.

**FOREIGN MINISTER BALAKRISHNAN:** Always a pleasure to be back.

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Yeah, it's good to have you back, and then we'll see you in a couple weeks.

**FOREIGN MINISTER BALAKRISHNAN:** Next week.

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Next week.

**FOREIGN MINISTER BALAKRISHNAN:** Yes. (Laughter.)

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Exactly. Thank you, all.

**FOREIGN MINISTER BALAKRISHNAN:** Thank you.

**QUESTION:** Mr. Secretary, should the Senate ratify any agreement with North Korea? Should the U.S. consider waiving sanctions for (inaudible) and sending aid to North Korea?

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