

# Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo To Travel to Brussels

Press Statement  
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U.S. Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo will travel to Brussels, Belgium, on December 3 – 5.

Secretary Pompeo will participate in the semi-annual meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers to review progress made in implementing the agenda agreed by NATO Heads of State and Government at the Brussels Summit in July. Secretary Pompeo will renew our call that Allies shoulder a fair share of the burden of responsibility to protect against common threats. This means living up to the pledge that all Allies made in 2014 and reaffirmed at the 2018 Brussels Summit to spend 2 percent of their gross domestic product on defense by 2024 and to invest 20 percent of that in major equipment. Ministers will also discuss transatlantic security issues, as well as NATO operations and partnerships, including NATO's deepening relationship with critical partners Georgia and Ukraine.

While in Belgium, Secretary Pompeo will also meet with Belgian Prime Minister Michel to discuss how the two countries can partner on areas of mutual concern, such as nonproliferation, as Belgium takes its seat on the UN Security Council for the sixth time.

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