## <u>Press Releases: Secretary Tillerson's</u> <u>Meeting With Chadian President Idriss</u> <u>Deby</u>

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The following is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Tillerson met with Chadian President Idriss Deby today in N'Djamena to affirm the United States' strong partnership with Chad and close collaboration on regional security, counterterrorism, and refugees. The Secretary thanked President Deby for his leadership and recognized Chad's contributions to regional security and stability including Chad's participation in the UN Multidimentional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali, the Multinational Joint Task Force, and the G5 Sahel Joint Force.

The Secretary and President Deby discussed Chad's border security challenges, and agreed on the importance of a political solution in Libya. They also reviewed constructive steps Chad has taken to meet the information-sharing and identity management requirements of Presidential Proclamation 9645 of September 24, 2017.

The United States committed to continued cooperation with Chad on counterterrorism, regional stability, and other shared interests. The two also consulted on improving prospects for attracting American investment to Chad.

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