<u>Press Releases: Secretary Tillerson's</u> <u>Meeting With Chinese State Councilor</u> <u>Yang Jiechi</u>

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Tillerson met at the Department of State with Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi on February 8. They agreed on the importance of continuing a constructive and productive relationship aimed at cooperation on mutual challenges and addressing our differences forthrightly. The Secretary and State Councilor reaffirmed President Trump and President Xi's commitment to keep up pressure on North Korea's illegal nuclear weapons and missile programs, discussed the need to achieve a fair and reciprocal bilateral economic relationship, and cooperate to stem the flow of deadly narcotics. They look forward to continuing discussions on these and other topics at the next Diplomatic & Security Dialogue during the second quarter of 2018.

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