<u>Press Releases: Secretary Tillerson's</u> <u>Meeting With Republic of Korea Special</u> <u>Envoy Hong Seok-hyun</u>

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

On May 18, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson met with Republic of Korea Ambassador Hong Seok-hyun, President Moon Jae-in's Special Envoy to the United States.

During the meeting, Secretary Tillerson congratulated the Moon administration on its recent election. The Secretary reaffirmed the United States' ironclad commitment to defend the Republic of Korea against threats from North Korea. The two also discussed the importance of our continued close coordination.

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