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The 2017 OSAC Annual Briefing will take place from November 15-16, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, in Arlington, Virginia. This is the 32nd annual meeting and will include more than 1,500 public and private sector security professionals from U.S. business, academia, faith-based institutions, non-governmental organizations and the federal government.

This year's theme, "Coping with Chaos in an Unpredictable World" will focus the conversation on challenges the American private sector faces overseas. For two days, attendees will meet and share the latest information to promote security cooperation between American private sector interests worldwide and the U.S. Department of State – ultimately, keeping American businesses and people safe in today's chaotic world.

Media are invited to attend the opening session November 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This portion will also be streamed live at www.state.gov/osac2017.

A keynote address will be delivered by Admiral Michael S. Rogers, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, and Director, National Security Agency. Michael T. Evanoff, Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security at the U.S. Department of State will provide opening remarks.

Michelle Bernier-Toth, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) will preview improvements to consular safety and security information, highlighting the strong relationship between OSAC and CA.

Other presenters include Christian J. Schurman, Acting Director for the Diplomatic Security Service, and OSAC's Executive Director Thomas G. Scanlon.

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