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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I send my best wishes to the people of Guinea-Bissau as they celebrate 45 years of independence.

The United States and Guinea-Bissau first established diplomatic relations in 1975. The United States has developed an important relationship with Guinea-Bissau based on shared principles of expanding democracy, improving the health of the people of Guinea-Bissau, and stimulating economic growth through multi-sector reforms. The United States congratulates Guinea-Bissau on establishing an Agency for the Promotion of Exports and Entrepreneurial Development. Through recent accomplishments, Guinea-Bissau will continue to advance as a partner in West Africa.

As we celebrate the anniversary of Guinea-Bissau's independence, the United States offers best wishes for a joyous and safe holiday and the reaffirmation of our enduring friendship.

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