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Readout
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC
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The following is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Tillerson met with Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday in Nairobi and highlighted long-standing U.S.-Kenya cooperation on counterterrorism, regional security, and trade. He welcomed the joint announcement between President Kenyatta and opposition leader Raila Odinga as a positive step toward healing Kenya's ethnic and political divisions. The Secretary emphasized strong U.S. support for democratic institutions, including the judiciary, civil society, and the media, and expressed concern about restrictions to political space. Secretary Tillerson and President Kenyatta also discussed the shared goal of defeating al-Shabaab in Somalia, strengthening AMISOM, and the need for a viable political process on South Sudan. They also agreed to identify opportunities to expand commercial and business ties.

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Meeting with Djiboutian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Ali Youssef

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Secretary Tillerson met with Djiboutian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Ali Youssef in Djibouti on March 9 to discuss the U.S.-Djiboutian partnership, and exchanged views on bilateral concerns, security threats, and economic reforms. The Secretary expressed appreciation for the Djiboutian government's support for refugees fleeing regional conflicts, and its role in providing humanitarian relief. The Secretary thanked Foreign Minister Youssef for Djibouti's troop contributions to the AU Mission in Somalia, which advances regional peace and stability. The Secretary conveyed the United States' appreciation to Djibouti for hosting U.S. military personnel.

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Press Releases: The Secretary's Meeting with Djiboutian President Ismaïl Omar Guelleh

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Secretary Tillerson met with Djiboutian President Ismaïl Omar Guelleh in Djibouti on March 9 to affirm the United States' commitment to our broad partnership with the Government of Djibouti as it addresses regional political, development, and security challenges. The Secretary thanked President Guelleh for continued security cooperation, which promotes the common economic and security interests of the people of Djibouti and the United States. The Secretary also encouraged President Guelleh and Djibouti to further efforts to make Djibouti a more attractive destination for foreign investment.

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[Press Releases: Winter Paralympic Games Highlight Importance of Adaptive Sports Diplomacy Programs](#)

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As the PyeongChang Winter Paralympic Games commence on March 9, the U.S.

Department of State is recognizing the important issues of disability rights and equal access by expanding its support for adaptive sports diplomacy exchange programs worldwide in 2018.

The State Department's International Sports Programming Initiative is supporting a delegation of American coaches and young athletes with disabilities to attend the games in partnership with the Utah-based National Ability Center. The coaches and athletes will receive training for adaptive alpine skiing and snowboarding and will also attend the Paralympic Games' opening ceremonies, in partnership with Yonsei University. A reciprocal visit of Koreans with disabilities will also take place to the United States later this year. In addition, a separate program for training in adaptive sport and recreation programs will occur in Thailand through the National Ability Center in collaboration with Clemson University.

From March 24-April 29, the State Department will partner with the University of Tennessee for its annual disability sports mentorship program, Sport for Community. Drawing upon themes from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), this five-week exchange pairs emerging global leaders in sports with mentors from U.S. adaptive sports organizations. The goal is to expand opportunities for people with disabilities through sports-based action plans.

Additionally, a slate of Sports Envoy and Visitor programs are planned in 2018 for expert American coaches and athletes to provide clinical lessons and promote the development of community organizations for persons with disabilities. The first Sports Envoy program will be held March 10-16 in Kuwait and will feature Paralympian and National Wheelchair Basketball Hall of Famer Trooper Johnson. Envoy programs in May and June will send American Paralympians and disability sports leaders to China, Botswana, and Venezuela. Throughout the year, youth athletes and coaches in wheelchair sports from around the world will come to the United States to participate in Sports Visitor programs.

For press inquiries, contact the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at ECA-Press@state.gov. To learn more about State Department sports diplomacy, follow our programs on Twitter @SportsDiplomacy.

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Press Releases: U.S. Delegation to the 62nd Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women

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The Department of State is pleased to announce the U.S. Delegation attending the 62nd Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), to be held March 12-23, 2018 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The CSW's annual two-week session is the UN's most important annual meeting on women's issues. Representatives of the CSW's 45 member governments, along with officials from other governments and participants from several thousand civil society organizations worldwide, convene to discuss ways to improve women's lives. The theme of this year's session is "Challenges and Opportunities in Achieving Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Rural Women and Girls."

Ambassador Nikki Haley, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, will serve as the Head of Delegation. Ambassador Kelley E. Currie, United States Representative to the UN Economic and Social Council, will serve as the Deputy Head of Delegation.

Other members of the U.S. Delegation include senior officials and technical experts from the Department of State, the Department of Labor, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the United States Agency for International Development.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw62-2018>.

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