

# Press Releases: The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations Announces the Construction Award for the New U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

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The Department of State has awarded the construction contract for the new U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras to B.L. Harbert International of Birmingham, Alabama.

This complex will provide a safe, secure, and modern facility platform for the Embassy community and those it serves. SHoP Architects of New York, New York is the architect for the project.

Since 1999, as part of the Department's Capital Security Construction Program, the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) has completed 149 new diplomatic facilities and has an additional 53 projects in design or under construction.

OBO's mission is to provide safe, secure, and functional facilities that represent the U.S. government to host nations and support our staff in achieving U.S. foreign policy objectives. These facilities represent U.S. values and the best in U.S. architecture, engineering, technology, sustainability, art, culture, construction execution, and resiliency.

For further information, please contact Christine Foushee at [FousheeCT@state.gov](mailto:FousheeCT@state.gov), or visit [www.state.gov/obo](http://www.state.gov/obo).

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## **Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With Brazilian President-Elect Jair Bolsonaro**

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo spoke by phone today with Brazilian President-elect Jair Bolsonaro. The Secretary congratulated Mr. Bolsonaro on his win and reinforced the vibrant partnership between the United States and Brazil based on our mutual commitment to promote security, democracy, economic prosperity, and human rights. They discussed collaboration on priority foreign policy issues including Venezuela, countering transnational crime, and ways to strengthen economic ties between the United States and Brazil, the two largest economies in the Western Hemisphere.

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## **Press Releases: Crash of Lion Air Flight 610 in Jakarta, Indonesia**

Press Statement

Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

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The United States extends its deepest condolences to those who lost family and loved ones in the October 29 plane crash in Indonesia. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Indonesia in this time of sorrow. Preparations are underway to assist the Indonesian government in its investigation of this tragic accident.

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## **[Press Releases: Fine Arts Committee Meeting Friday, November 16, 2018](#)**

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The Fine Arts Committee of the Department of State will meet on Friday, November 16, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Henry Clay Room (8<sup>th</sup> floor, Harry S. Truman Building, Department of State). The meeting will last until approximately 4:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

The agenda for the committee meeting will include a summary of the work of the Fine Arts Office since its last meeting on April 20, 2018 and the announcement of gifts and loans of furnishings as well as financial contributions from January 1, 2018 through October 15, 2018.

Public access to the Department of State is strictly controlled and space is limited. Members of the public wishing to take part in the meeting should telephone the Fine Arts Office at (202) 647-1990 or send an e-mail to [Curator@state.gov](mailto:Curator@state.gov) by November 9, 2018, providing their name, date of birth, citizenship, and a government-issued ID number [i.e., from a U.S. government ID (agency), U.S. military ID (branch), passport (country) or driver's license (state)] in order to gain admittance. All attendees must use the "C" Street entrance located at 2201 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20520. One of the following valid IDs will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. government agency or military ID. Attendees should expect to remain in the meeting for the entire session. The public may take part in the discussion as long as time permits and at the discretion of the chairman.

Personal data is being collected pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 2651a and 22 U.S.C. 4802 for the purpose of screening and pre-clearing participants to enter the host venue at the U.S. Department of State, in line with standard security procedures for events of this size. The Department of State will use this information consistent with the routine uses set forth in the System of Records Notices for Protocol Records (STATE-33) and Security Records (State-36). Provision of this information is voluntary, but failure to provide accurate information may impede your ability to register for the event.

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## **[Press Releases: Presidential Elections in Brazil](#)**

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The United States congratulates Jair Bolsonaro on his election as the next president of Brazil. We salute Brazil's strong commitment to democracy and congratulate the Brazilian people on participating in a successful election.

The United States and Brazil share a vibrant partnership based on our mutual commitment to promote security, democracy, economic prosperity, and human rights. As two of the largest democracies and economies in the world, we are working together to address the 21<sup>st</sup> century's most pressing global and regional challenges.

We value our deep cooperation with Brazil and look forward to working with President-elect Bolsonaro in the coming years.

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