<u>Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's</u> <u>Call With Dutch Foreign Minister Stef</u> <u>Blok</u>

Readout Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC September 3, 2018

The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo spoke with Dutch Foreign Minister Stef Blok about the August 31 attack in Amsterdam Central Station that injured two U.S. citizens. The Secretary expressed appreciation for the quick response of Dutch law enforcement to the attack and assistance given to the victims and their families. Dutch and U.S. law enforcement are cooperating in the investigation, and the Secretary and Foreign Minister reiterated their commitment to stand together in our common fight against terrorism in all forms.

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<u>Press Releases: San Marino National</u> <u>Day</u>

Press Statement Michael R. Pompeo Secretary of State

Washington, DC September 2, 2018

On behalf of the government of the United States of America, I congratulate the Sammarinese people as you celebrate the Founding of the Republic of San Marino. As the world's oldest surviving republic, San Marino has stood for more than a millennium as a beacon of democratic principles and selfgovernance. The United States values its partnership with San Marino and looks forward to continuing our strong relations.

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<u>Press Releases: Attack on American</u> <u>Citizens in Amsterdam</u>

Press Statement Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC September 2, 2018

The Department of State extends its concern and support for two U.S. citizens injured in an attack Friday in Amsterdam. We ask that all parties respect the privacy of the victims and their families at this difficult time. Dutch

authorities have announced that investigations are focused on a terrorist motive for this unprovoked, horrifying attack. The United States stands with our Dutch allies and others in our common fight against terrorism in all forms. We stand ready to assist Dutch authorities in their investigations as appropriate. We thank the Dutch police and medical personnel for their effective and courageous efforts to apprehend the assailant and care for our citizens.

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<u>Press Releases: Saudi-led Coalition's</u> <u>Announcement on Reviewing Rules of</u> <u>Engagement in Yemen</u>

Press Statement Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC September 2, 2018

The United States regards the Saudi-led Coalition's [announcement that it will review their rules of engagement, hold those at fault accountable, and compensate victims following the Joint Incident Assessment Team's finding that last month's Sa'ada air strikes lacked justification as an important first step toward full transparency and accountability.] We continue to call on all sides to abide by the Law of Armed Conflict, to mitigate harm to civilians and civilian infrastructure, and thoroughly investigate and ensure accountability for any violations. It is imperative that all parties work toward a comprehensive political solution to avoid further harm to the Yemeni people. We fully support UN Special Envoy for Yemen Martin Griffiths as he

prepares to convene parties in Geneva. All sides must engage constructively and in good faith in order to work toward a secure, stable, and peaceful Yemen.

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<u>Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's</u> <u>Call with Iraq's Vice President Ayad</u> <u>Allawi</u>

Readout Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC September 1, 2018

The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo spoke with Vice President Ayad Allawi of Iraq, to discuss political developments in Iraq and Baghdad-Erbil relations. He stressed that formation of a new government is a sovereign Iraqi process that should proceed according to Iraq's constitutional timeline and reflect the will of Iraqi voters. Secretary Pompeo emphasized that the United States hopes to see a strong Iraqi government that includes all communities and serves all of the Iraqi people.

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