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Press Statement
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC
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The United States strongly condemns the recent attacks by forces under the direction of Ibrahim Jadhraan on the oil ports of Ras Lanuf and Al Sidra, and the ongoing violence that has damaged Libya's vital oil infrastructure and disrupted oil exports. We call for all armed actors to cease hostilities and withdraw immediately from oil installations before further damage occurs.

Oil facilities, production, and revenues belong to the Libyan people. The United States believes these vital Libyan resources must remain under the exclusive control of the National Oil Corporation and the sole oversight of the Government of National Accord, as outlined in UN Security Council Resolutions 2259, 2278, and 2362.

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Before Their Meeting

Remarks

Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Treaty Room

Washington, DC

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SECRETARY POMPEO: Wonderful to see you.

DEFENSE MINISTER VON DER LEYEN: Thank you so much.

SECRETARY POMPEO: Welcome. (Inaudible.)

DEFENSE MINISTER VON DER LEYEN: Nice to be here. (Inaudible) this important time.

SECRETARY POMPEO: It is.

DEFENSE MINISTER VON DER LEYEN: So thank you.

SECRETARY POMPEO: Thank you. It's wonderful to see you. Thank you all.

QUESTION: Madam Minister, (inaudible) does the German Government –

SECRETARY POMPEO: This is a really special relationship and we're looking forward to our conversation. Thanks, everyone.

DEFENSE MINISTER VON DER LEYEN: Thank you.

QUESTION: Madam Minister, does the German Government believe that they're owed an apology by the Trump administration?

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[Press Releases: United States and Vietnam Complete Dialogue on Maritime Issues and the Law of the Sea](#)

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On June 19-20, the United States hosted the fifth U.S.-Vietnam Dialogue on Maritime Issues and the Law of the Sea at the Department of State in Washington, D.C. Experts from U.S. and Vietnamese foreign affairs and maritime agencies exchanged views on a wide range of issues related to oceans, the law of the sea, and maritime cooperation at international and regional forums. The delegations were led by Evan Bloom, Director for Ocean and Polar Affairs in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and

Scientific Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, and Director General Nguyen Dang Thang of Vietnam's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The United States and Vietnam supported deepening U.S.-Vietnam dialogue on these issues in future meetings. Vietnam plans to host the next round in 2019.

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Press Releases: Ukraine's Anti-corruption Court Legislation

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The United States commends Ukraine for adopting a law to establish an independent anti-corruption court. We were pleased to see this important piece of legislation passed with broad support in the Verkhovna Rada. With this move, Ukraine took an important step towards achieving the European future its people demanded during the Revolution of Dignity.

We welcome the International Monetary Fund Managing Director's statement. She and President Poroshenko have agreed the Rada should quickly amend the law so the proposed court will be able to hear all cases under its jurisdiction, including existing corruption cases, and pass supplementary legislation to formally establish the court. These steps will ensure the court is able to help roll back the corruption that threatens Ukraine's national security, prosperity, and democratic development.

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Press Releases: Office of the Historian, Bureau of Public Affairs: Release of Foreign Relations of the United States

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The Department of State released today *Foreign Relations of the United States, 1969–1976, Volume XIX, Part 2, Japan, 1969–1972*. Part 1 of the volume on U.S. bilateral relations with Korea, 1969–1972, was published in 2010.

This volume is part of a *Foreign Relations* subseries that documents the most important foreign policy issues of the Richard Nixon administration. It provides material on the administration's efforts to adapt the U.S.-Japan Alliance in response to both an evolving bilateral context, with the strengthening of Japan's political and economic institutions, and a changing international environment, in which the United States was seeking to reduce its military involvement in Indochina, to improve relations with the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China, and to realign an international economic system that had been created to address the challenges and concerns of the era following the Second World War.

This compilation was compiled and edited by David P. Nickles. The volume and this press release are available on the Office of the Historian website at <https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1969-76v19p2>. Copies of the volume will be available for purchase from the U.S. Government Publishing Office online at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov> (GPO S/N 044-000-02694-5; ISBN 978-0-16-094648-6), or by calling toll-free 1-866-512-1800 (Washington, DC area 202-512-1800). For further information, contact history@state.gov.

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