

# [Press Releases: On Tropical Storm Nate in Central America](#)

Press Statement  
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Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
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We stand with the people of Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Honduras affected by Tropical Storm Nate, and offer our condolences to the loved ones of those killed in the storm. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We stand ready to provide assistance if needed.

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# [Press Releases: The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations Announces the Construction Award for the New U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, Mexico](#)

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The Department of State has awarded the construction contract for the new U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, Mexico to Caddell Construction Company of Montgomery, Alabama.

The new campus will include a Chancery, Marine residence, and support facilities.

The architect for the project is the joint venture of Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects/Davis Brody Bond of New York, New York.

Since 1999, as part of the Department's Capital Security Construction Program, the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) has completed 138 new diplomatic facilities, with an additional 61 projects now 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 the achievement of U.S. foreign policy objectives. These facilities represent American values and the best in American architecture, engineering, technology, sustainability, art, culture, and construction execution.

For further information please contact Christine Foushee at [FousheeCT@state.gov](mailto:FousheeCT@state.gov), or visit <https://overseasbuildings.state.gov/>.

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**[Press Releases: International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification \(IPNDV\) Side Event at](#)**

# United Nations First Committee

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Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control, Verification and Compliance Anita Friedt hosted an event updating the UN First Committee on the work of the International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification (IPNDV). The event included speakers from Argentina, Japan, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), a U.S. non-profit. Participants discussed the conclusion of Phase One of the Partnership's work, which has focused on building international capacity and deepening technical understanding related to verifying nuclear disarmament. The panel highlighted the importance of the upcoming plenary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, which will mark the end of Phase One, the release of publications documenting the Partnership's accomplishments to date, and the launch of the next phase of the Partnership's work in identifying and addressing verification challenges. This technical work is an integral part of further, concrete steps on nuclear disarmament.

For further information, please contact the AVC Press Team at [AVC-Press-DL@state.gov](mailto:AVC-Press-DL@state.gov).

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**Press Releases: The Bureau of Overseas**

# Buildings Operations Announces the Construction Award for the New U.S. Embassy Annex in Kampala, Uganda

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The Department of State has awarded the construction contract for the new U.S. Embassy Annex in Kampala, Uganda to Pernix Group Inc. of Lombard, Illinois.

The project will provide additional office and parking space for embassy operations. The design architect for the project is BNIM of Kansas City, Missouri.

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# [Press Releases: The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations Announces the Construction Award for the New U.S. Embassy in Guatemala City, Guatemala](#)

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

The new campus will include a Chancery, Marine Security Guard residence, support facilities and facilities for the embassy community. The design architect for the project is The Miller Hull Partnership of Seattle, Washington.

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