

# [Press Releases: Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Carl Risch Travels to the United Kingdom and Ireland](#)

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
November 12, 2018

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Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Carl Risch will travel November 12-16 to the United Kingdom and Ireland to participate in a series of meetings with U.S. diplomats and foreign government authorities.

The Assistant Secretary plans to review consular operations at our U.S. Embassies in London and Dublin. He will also meet with interagency partners.

The United States is committed to long-term engagement with the United Kingdom and Ireland on a variety of consular issues.

For press inquiries please contact [CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov](mailto:CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov) or (202) 485-6150.

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## [Press Releases: Condemning Sham](#)

# “Elections” in Russia-Controlled Eastern Ukraine

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
November 12, 2018

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The United States joins our European Allies and partners in condemning the November 11 sham “elections” in Russia-controlled eastern Ukraine. Yesterday’s illegitimate processes were an attempt by Moscow to institutionalize its Donbas proxies, the so-called “Donetsk and Luhansk People’s Republics.” These entities have no place within the Minsk agreements or within Ukraine’s constitutional government, and they should be dismantled along with the illegal armed formations.

If Russia calculated the November 11 illegal “elections” would lead to international respect for its proxies, the international reaction proves it was mistaken. The OSCE refused to monitor yesterday’s farce. Russia’s actions have been denounced in capitals on both sides of the Atlantic and on the floors of the UN Security Council and the OSCE. The United States and the European Union have spoken with one voice against yesterday’s violation of Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity. We will continue to impose Ukraine-related sanctions against Russia until Moscow fully implements the Minsk agreements and returns control of Crimea to Ukraine.

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# Press Releases: OSAC's 33rd Annual Briefing: "Protecting Your Organization in a Changing World"

Notice to the Press  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
November 12, 2018

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On November 14, 2018, the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) will host 1,500 private sector security professionals at the 33rd annual briefing at the Harry S. Truman building in Washington, DC. This year's theme is "Protecting Your Organization in a Changing World." The open press portion of the event includes panel discussions on how prominent organizations counter cyber risks and the challenges of Russian information warfare. Under Secretary for Political Affairs Ambassador David Hale will deliver the keynote address.

The open press portion of the event will be open to credentialed members of the press from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14. Media will have an opportunity to speak on the record with former Executive Vice President for Global Protection at Sony Stevan Bernard. Mr. Bernard will speak on the record about lessons learned for chief security officers countering cyber risks.

Media who plan to attend the open press portion of the event must RSVP by Tuesday, November 13, to Rebecca Gomez at [GomezRE@state.gov](mailto:GomezRE@state.gov) or (571) 225-4527.

*Media representatives may participate in the event upon presentation of one of the following: (1) A U.S. Government-issued identification card (Department of State, White House, Congress, Department of Defense, or Foreign Press Center), (2) a media-issued photo identification card, or (3) a letter from their employer on letterhead verifying their employment as a journalist, accompanied by an official photo identification card (driver's license, passport)*

For a sneak peek of the agenda, see it [here](#). To learn more about OSAC, visit [www.osac.gov](http://www.osac.gov).

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## **Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman**

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
November 11, 2018

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo spoke today with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. The Secretary emphasized that the United States will hold all of those involved in the killing of Jamal Khashoggi accountable, and that Saudi Arabia must do the same. On Yemen, the Secretary reiterated the United States' calls for a cessation of hostilities and for all parties to come to the table to negotiate a peaceful solution to the conflict under the UN Special Envoy.

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# Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Meeting With French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
November 10, 2018

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met today with French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian while accompanying President Trump on his trip to Paris to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. They discussed U.S.-French cooperation on resolving global security challenges, including how to strengthen NATO. They also reviewed ways the United States and France can work together to counter Iran's malign behavior, denuclearize the DPRK, and push for a political solution to the crisis in Syria.

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