

# Press Releases: On the Occasion of Republic Day in Italy

Press Statement  
Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
June 1, 2018

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On behalf of President Trump and the American people, I extend my best wishes and congratulations to our friends in Italy on this 72nd anniversary of the foundation of the Italian Republic.

As Italians celebrate with family and friends, we in the United States take pride in all that our two countries have accomplished together as close allies and friends. Our continued economic, political, and security cooperation is vital to address common challenges, including strengthening transatlantic security and fighting terrorism around the world.

American culture continues to be immeasurably enriched by Italy. Millions of Americans trace their roots to Italy, and our relationship is based on mutual respect and affection. It is in this spirit that the United States looks forward to continued cooperation with our Italian partners and to building upon our existing collaboration.

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# [Press Releases: LGBTI Pride Month](#)

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The United States joins people around the world in celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTI) Pride Month, and reaffirms its commitment to protecting and defending the human rights of all, including LGBTI persons.

In many parts of the world, LGBTI individuals and their supporters continue to face violence, arrest, harassment and intimidation for standing up for their human rights, participating in peaceful marches and rallies, expressing their views, and simply being who they are. LGBTI persons – like all persons – must be free to enjoy their human rights and fundamental freedoms, including freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, and association, without fear of reprisal. As Americans, we place a high value on these rights and freedoms, which all persons deserve to enjoy fully and equally.

The United States stands firmly with you as you exercise your human rights and fundamental freedoms. We wish you a safe and happy Pride Month.

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# President on Securing America's Cyber Interests and Deterring Cyber Threats Through International Engagement

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As a highly connected nation, the United States depends on the open, interoperable, reliable, and secure global Internet. Through its diplomatic efforts, international engagement, and coordination on behalf of the U.S. government, the U.S. Department of State advances U.S. objectives in cyberspace to ensure that the Internet and other connected technologies remain valuable and viable tools for future generations.

As directed by Executive Order 13800 (the cybersecurity E.O.), the Department of State worked with colleagues across the federal government to produce recommendations for the President on securing America's cyber interests and deterring cyber adversaries by engaging international partners on these critical domestic and foreign policy imperatives.

A year after the 2017 publication of the cybersecurity E.O., the Department is releasing two products detailing U.S. policy objectives and international engagement approaches to reduce the risk of conflict stemming from the use of cyberspace, improve the ability of the United States to deter malicious cyber actors, uphold the open and interoperable Internet, facilitate the achievement of U.S. economic prosperity, and advance an international regulatory environment that supports innovation and respects the global nature of cyberspace.

These [documents and their recommendations](#) emphasize the importance of the Department's and the U.S. government's ongoing work to engage foreign partners to address a range of threats in cyberspace, thereby improving the cybersecurity of the nation. They further acknowledge the necessity of enhancing U.S. government coordination on all fronts to maximize the effectiveness of international outreach on cyber policy. The Department of State is committed to fulfilling its leadership role in this process.

For more information, please visit <https://www.state.gov/s/cyberissues/> or follow the Office of the Coordinator for Cyber Issues @State\_Cyber.

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## **Press Releases: Mother's Day Violence in Nicaragua**

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The United States condemns the Nicaraguan government's violent response to peaceful Mother's Day marches in Managua and other cities yesterday, including assaults on mothers mourning their children killed since protests began April 18. The United States also condemns the beatings of journalists and attacks against local TV and radio stations.

The international community and the citizens of Nicaragua have repeatedly urged the Nicaraguan government to order its police and thugs to stop the violence, respect human rights, and create conditions for a peaceful path forward. Those individuals responsible for human rights violations will be held accountable by the international community in international fora.

The United States urges an immediate investigation by the independent interdisciplinary group of experts to investigate the deaths and violence in Nicaragua, as agreed upon by the Nicaraguan government and Inter American Commission on Human Rights.

Despite the suspension of the church-led dialogue, the United States supports

peaceful negotiations to end the crisis.

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## **Press Releases: India and Pakistan Agree To Uphold Ceasefire**

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The United States welcomes reports that the militaries of India and Pakistan have reaffirmed their commitment to fully implement the 2003 ceasefire along the Line of Control. The normalization of relations between Pakistan and India is vital to both countries and the region.

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