

# [Press Releases: Kenya Elections](#)

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
October 25, 2017

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The United States urges all Kenyans to remain calm, reject violence, and uphold the principles of their Constitution in the election scheduled for tomorrow. We are deeply concerned about the continuing efforts of both parties to interfere with and undermine the independent operation of the electoral commission, the judiciary, and other essential institutions. We also condemn the attack on the bodyguard of the Deputy Chief Justice.

It is essential that there be immediate, open, and transparent dialogue between all parties and the IEBC to resolve the issues. Now is not the time for strife to divide Kenya, it is a time for all Kenyans to come together.

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[Press Releases: Office of the  
Historian, Bureau of Public Affairs  
Release of Chapters on Argentina and  
the Latin America Region in Foreign](#)

# Relations of the United States, 1977-1980, Volume XXIV, South America; Latin America Region

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
October 25, 2017

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The Department of State released today a portion of *Foreign Relations of the United States, 1977-1980, Volume XXIV, South America; Latin America Region*. The two compilations released today, on Argentina and the Latin America Region, were given priority in the declassification process as part of the National Security Council-led Argentina Declassification Project. Unedited versions of these documents were made available in April 2017, as part of an earlier release. Today's publication includes additional information on the provenance and context of the documents. The release of the complete volume in 2018 will include compilations on U.S. policy toward nine more countries in South America and the front matter of the volume.

This volume is part of a subseries of volumes in the *Foreign Relations* series that documents the foreign policy of the Carter administration. The compilations released today show high-level U.S. concern over human rights violations in the Southern Cone and policy debates within the U.S. Government over what exactly to do about those violations. Carter's policy toward Argentina sought to promote human rights, moderate the internal dynamics of the ruling *junta*, and encourage the reestablishment of electoral democracy and an orderly end to the military government that had taken power in March 1976. At the same time, U.S. officials tried to calm disputes between Argentina and its neighbors, limit the spread of developing nuclear technology, encourage the stabilization and growth of the Argentine economy, and, in 1980, ensure Argentine cooperation in the grain embargo that the United States had placed on the Soviet Union.

This volume was compiled and edited by Sara Berndt. The volume and this press release are available on the Office of the Historian website at <https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1977-80v24>. Copies of the volume will be available for purchase from the U.S. Government Publishing Office online once the entire volume is released in 2018 at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov>, or by calling toll-free 1-866-512-1800 (D.C. area 202-512-1800). For further information, contact [history@state.gov](mailto:history@state.gov).

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## [Press Releases: Remarks at a Meeting With Employees and Family Members of U.S. Embassy New Delhi](#)

Remarks

Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Roosevelt House  
New Delhi, India  
October 25, 2017

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**SECRETARY TILLERSON:** Well, good afternoon. And it's such a pleasure to return to India, but I'm returning under a different hat. But I have been to India before, and it's been a while since I've been back, but I'm really pleased to be here and pleased to have the opportunity to see a few of the faces here at the mission and acknowledge the work that you do here as well as the important work of our consular offices around the country as well.

I think as you no doubt have heard from a number of important policy decisions that have been undertaken in the past few months by the Trump administration, first, the South Asia policy, which India has a very important role to play in stability and security for this region – Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and beyond – and we've had a lot of discussions today in our conversations with our counterparts, and also I had conversations, obviously, with Prime Minister Modi's visit back in June to Washington, D.C. But we also then announced a new free and open Indo-Pacific policy and strategy as well recently, and again, India key to that important strategy as well.

So the importance of this relationship between the United States and India is clearly on the rise, but we've always had an important relationship. It dates back more than 70 years. But I think we have an opportunity at this time to

take this relationship to a completely different character and commitment. And as we've said, it's really about securing the next 100 years for democratic processes, for other fledgling and emerging democracies in the region, to promote trade and economic development, using a rules-based order, maintaining countries' sovereignty – all of these are values that India and the United States share, and that is the strength of the relationship. So there's a lot of exciting things yet to come, and you are going to be right at the center of all of that in helping us carry out the policy of the United States in this burgeoning relationship and growing relationship with India, both from a security standpoint, from an economic development standpoint.

We appreciate all of the work that you do here, and in particular, appreciate the work of the locally employed staff. Our diplomats and our civil servants, they come and go, and you're really the continuity of this place. And I know some of you have been here for a very long time, many years of service with us. You are so vital to our success because you do maintain that constant framework for us to have our people come and go, and we appreciate very much your long-term commitment and the commitment of others as well.

I certainly want to thank the families that are here. Thank you for supporting your spouse in the important work they do here on behalf of the American people. And I'm glad to see we've got a few of the young folks here in the front. My favorite – some of my favorite kids are in uniform down here, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and it's good to see you as well.

I know that overseas assignments are sometimes challenging, and I had a few during my prior life as well on a family-unaccompanied basis, so I really – I fully appreciate the sacrifices that people make. I know there's a lot of things that happen back home, and unfortunately, you're not there for them – some birthdays, some weddings, some graduations. Unfortunately, I missed my share of those. I know there's ways you make it up in other ways with your loved ones, but we do appreciate the fact that those are things that come with taking assignments overseas, far away from home and family. It is a terrific opportunity for yourself, though, and your families, and hopefully as the years go by and you reflect on the benefits against some of those costs, I think you'll find that it clearly comes out in the positive column for you and for your families.

I want to thank Charge d'Affaires MaryKay Carlson for her leadership here of the mission these last nine months. As you probably know, we have a new ambassador confirmed [\[1\]](#) that will be making his way over here soon. And I know this is going to be a terrific team between MaryKay and new Ambassador Juster to really begin to carry forward this important relationship for India and the United States.

I want to make just a couple of comments in closing on three important values that I talk about everywhere I go, and I talked about these the first day I joined the State Department and walked in the building. And the first is, your safety and security is the most important value that I think we have to share. And I don't call it a priority, because priorities can change. This is a value. We value you. We value your safety. We value your security. We want you to take care of yourself, but we want you to take care of your colleagues

as well, and it's something that I'm committed to and I start every day in the State Department and every meeting with the question of: Are our people safe? So that's the most important thing to me, and I want it to be the most important thing to you as well.

The second value I said that I wanted to help people adopt is accountability. We need to hold ourselves accountable for the successes. We hold ourselves accountable when things don't go well. We learn from those things. We're all going to make mistakes, but let's learn from it. If we hold ourselves accountable, then we can hold others accountable, in particular others in the countries where we're trying to advance our interests. But we have to hold ourselves accountable first and foremost.

And then third is that we treat each other with respect. No matter what your station in life is, no matter what your job is within the State Department, your job is important, doesn't matter what it is, because all of us are enabled to do what we do by others. None of us do it alone. None of us do it without the support of colleagues, the support staff. No matter who is around you, deserves to be treated with respect, and that's the way we're going to treat each other. If we do that and we practice it, we will treat others in our conduct of our policy with respect as well.

Your role is critical because you are the face of the American people, and how you conduct yourself conveys a lot about American values. So I appreciate the way you carry yourselves. I appreciate the way you conduct yourselves. I appreciate all of those folks in the back. Thank you very much for everything you do for us. And it's just a real pleasure to be in India. And we'll be back. We've got a lot work to do. You've already done a lot of work in facilitating this new administration coming into office, and we appreciate that, and I look forward to seeing all of you again. Thank you so much for everything you do. (Applause.)

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The President nominated Kenneth Juster to be Ambassador to India on September 5. He has not yet been confirmed.

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# [Press Releases: Statement From Secretary Tillerson on Executive Order 13780, Section 6\(a\)](#)

Press Statement  
Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
October 25, 2017

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President Trump's Executive Order (EO) 13780, Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States, was issued in order to protect Americans by addressing weaknesses in our visa program and refugee vetting system. We are taking new steps to eliminate vulnerabilities in our refugee vetting process that those who would bring harm to our homeland can exploit for destructive ends.

The Trump Administration remains committed to a comprehensive and compassionate refugee policy, and these new measures will ensure the United States can continue to help some of the world's most vulnerable people without compromising the safety and security of the American people.

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[BEPS public consultation on the tax](#)

# challenges of digitalisation

**Date:** 1 November 2017

**Meeting Time:** 09:30 – 17:15 ([PDT](#))

**Location:** Warren Room, Simon Hall, 2745 Bancroft Way, School of Law the University of California, Berkeley, USA

## **About**

As part of the ongoing work of the Task Force on the Digital Economy (TFDE), the OECD sought public comments on key issues identified in a request for input related to the tax challenges raised by digitalisation and the potential options to address these challenges.

This public consultation will focus on matters covered by the written submissions that have been received:

Persons wishing to apply to attend the public consultations are invited to click [here](#) to start their application for registration. Please indicate the organisation you are representing in the appropriate box of the registration form.

All interested persons (including those who have pre-registered online) are invited to attend. No further confirmation will be sent. An “overflow” room will be available if there is insufficient space in the main meeting room, and we encourage attendees to arrive early.