

# [Press Releases: Before the Ministerial Discussion on Syria](#)

Remarks

Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

The Palace Hotel

New York City

September 18, 2017

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**QUESTION:** Mr. Secretary, is the deconfliction agreement dead after the strike this weekend?

**SECRETARY TILLERSON:** No, it is not.

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# [Press Releases: Readout of Secretary Tillerson's Meeting With Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov](#)

Readout

Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC

September 17, 2017

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The following is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met this evening in New York on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly.

The two recommitted to deconflicting military operations in Syria, reducing the violence, and creating the conditions for the Geneva process to move forward, pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2254.

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## **Mr. Angel Gurría, Secretary-General of the OECD, in New York, from 17 to 19 September 2017**

Mr. Angel Gurría, Secretary-General of the OECD, will be in New York, from 17 to 19 September 2017, to attend the United Nations General Assembly as well as several events organised in the margins of the UNGA.

The Secretary-General will deliver remarks at several high-level events, including the Equator Prize 2017 Award Ceremony, the event World Leaders for Universal Health Coverage, and a Meeting of the Global Deal for Decent Work and Inclusive Growth. While in New York, the Secretary-General will also launch the Equal Pay International Coalition.

During his visit, the Secretary-General will hold bilateral meetings with several high level officials from the UN system and member states.

**See also**

[OECD work with the United States](#)

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## **Press Releases: Supporting Good Faith Negotiations Among Venezuelans**

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
September 15, 2017

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The United States reiterates its call for the complete restoration of democracy in Venezuela. We support earnest negotiations in good faith that will achieve this goal. We call attention to the importance of the Government of Venezuela fulfilling its previous commitments to a democratic path in order to advance the negotiation process.

The United States applauds the efforts of President Medina and the government of the Dominican Republic to foster a process that helps find a peaceful, democratic, and comprehensive solution to Venezuela's political and humanitarian crisis.

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## **Press Releases: United States and Cuba Hold Third Law Enforcement Dialogue in**

# Washington, DC

Media Note

Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC

September 15, 2017

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The United States and Cuba held the third Law Enforcement Dialogue in Washington, DC. on Friday, September 15. During the dialogue, the United States and Cuba addressed topics of bilateral interest on national security matters, including fugitives and the return of Cuban nationals with final orders of removal. The delegations also discussed the incidents affecting diplomatic personnel at the U.S. Embassy in Havana.

Acting Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs Francisco L. Palmieri, Department of Justice Deputy Assistant Attorney General Bruce Swartz, and Department of Homeland Security Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Law Enforcement Policy Justin Matthes led the U.S. delegation. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director of Bilateral Affairs for the United States, Yuri A. Gala López, and the National Defense and Security Commission Deputy Advisor, Abel Gonzalez Santamaria, led the Cuban delegation.

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