

# Press Releases: The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations Announces the Selection of the Design Architect for the New U.S. Consulate General in Merida, Mexico

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
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The Department of State announces the selection of Miller Hull Partnership of Seattle, Washington as the design architect for the new U.S. Consulate General project in Merida, Mexico.

The multi-building complex will be situated on an approximately seven acre site in the Via Montejo development and will provide a safe, secure, and modern facility platform for the Consulate community and those it serves.

Since 1999, as part of the Department's Capital Security Construction Program, the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) has completed 149 new diplomatic facilities, with an additional 53 projects now in design or under construction.

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## **Press Releases: The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations Announces the Selection of the Design Architect for the New U.S. Embassy in Windhoek, Namibia**

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The Department of State announces the selection of Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill of San Francisco, California as the design architect for the new U.S. Embassy complex in Windhoek, Namibia.

The multi-building complex will be situated on a site in the Klein Windhoek neighborhood and will provide a safe, secure, and modern facility platform for the Embassy community and those it serves.

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## **Press Releases: The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations Announces the Construction Award for the New U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras**

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

This complex will provide a safe, secure, and modern facility platform for the Embassy community and those it serves. SHoP Architects of New York, New York is the architect for the project.

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## **Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call With Brazilian President-Elect Jair Bolsonaro**

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
October 29, 2018

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo spoke by phone today with Brazilian President-elect Jair Bolsonaro. The Secretary congratulated Mr. Bolsonaro on his win and reinforced the vibrant partnership between the United States and Brazil based on our mutual commitment to promote security, democracy, economic prosperity, and human rights. They discussed collaboration on priority foreign policy issues including Venezuela, countering transnational crime, and ways to strengthen economic ties between the United States and Brazil, the two largest economies in the Western Hemisphere.

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# Press Releases: Crash of Lion Air Flight 610 in Jakarta, Indonesia

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
October 29, 2018

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The United States extends its deepest condolences to those who lost family and loved ones in the October 29 plane crash in Indonesia. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Indonesia in this time of sorrow. Preparations are underway to assist the Indonesian government in its investigation of this tragic accident.

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