

Press Releases: Fine Arts Committee Meeting Friday, November 16, 2018

Media Note
Office of the Spokesperson

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The Fine Arts Committee of the Department of State will meet on Friday, November 16, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Henry Clay Room (8th floor, Harry S. Truman Building, Department of State). The meeting will last until approximately 4:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

The agenda for the committee meeting will include a summary of the work of the Fine Arts Office since its last meeting on April 20, 2018 and the announcement of gifts and loans of furnishings as well as financial contributions from January 1, 2018 through October 15, 2018.

Public access to the Department of State is strictly controlled and space is limited. Members of the public wishing to take part in the meeting should telephone the Fine Arts Office at (202) 647-1990 or send an e-mail to Curator@state.gov by November 9, 2018, providing their name, date of birth, citizenship, and a government-issued ID number [i.e., from a U.S. government ID (agency), U.S. military ID (branch), passport (country) or driver's license (state)] in order to gain admittance. All attendees must use the "C" Street entrance located at 2201 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20520. One of the following valid IDs will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. government agency or military ID. Attendees should expect to remain in the meeting for the entire session. The public may take part in the discussion as long as time permits and at the discretion of the chairman.

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Press Releases: Presidential Elections in Brazil

Press Statement
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC
October 29, 2018

The United States congratulates Jair Bolsonaro on his election as the next president of Brazil. We salute Brazil's strong commitment to democracy and congratulate the Brazilian people on participating in a successful election.

The United States and Brazil share a vibrant partnership based on our mutual commitment to promote security, democracy, economic prosperity, and human rights. As two of the largest democracies and economies in the world, we are working together to address the 21st century's most pressing global and regional challenges.

We value our deep cooperation with Brazil and look forward to working with President-elect Bolsonaro in the coming years.

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Press Releases: Recent Developments in Sri Lanka

Press Statement
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Washington, DC
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The United States continues to follow developments in Sri Lanka with concern. We urge all sides to refrain from intimidation and violence. We call on the President, in consultation with the Speaker, to immediately reconvene parliament and allow the democratically elected representatives of the Sri Lankan people to fulfill their responsibility to affirm who will lead their government.

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Press Releases: Designation of Vessels SHANG YUAN BAO, NEW REGENT, and KUM UN SAN 3

Press Statement
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Washington, DC
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The United States, along with partners, welcomes the October 16 announcement by the 1718 Committee on UN designations of vessels SHANG YUAN BAO, NEW REGENT, and KUM UN SAN 3 for engaging in UN-prohibited ship-to-ship transfers of refined petroleum to North Korean ships. We call on the 1718 Committee to designate any vessels under consideration that have shown to be involved in ship-to-ship transfers. The UN is designating the ships for a port entry ban and deflagging. This action is necessary as North Korea's illicit shipping activities continue, despite UN prohibitions on ship-to-ship transfers of any goods or items to or from North Korean vessels of any goods or items going to or coming from North Korea.

The United States notes that this action follows recent announcements from Canada, France, Japan, and the United Kingdom regarding monitoring and surveillance activities to detect UN-prohibited illicit North Korean maritime activities, with a particular focus on detecting and disrupting ship-to-ship transfers of refined petroleum to North Korean tankers in the East China Sea. The United States is also releasing imagery that demonstrates the results of this coordinated, multinational initiative, which includes these countries, along with Australia and New Zealand. In support of this initiative, the United States has deployed aircraft and surface vessels to detect and disrupt these activities.

North Korea continues regularly to employ deceptive tactics to evade UN sanctions. North Korea's illicit imports of refined petroleum have substantially breached the UN sanctions cap on refined petroleum by making illicit transfers, and we urge that Member States immediately end all sales of refined petroleum to North Korea. We call on the 1718 Committee to formally recognize this breach.

UN Member States are required to prohibit persons or entities subject to their jurisdiction from engaging in ship-to-ship transfers. The United States will impose sanctions on any individual, entity, or vessel supporting North Korea's illicit activities.

The United States remains committed to achieving the final, fully verified denuclearization of North Korea. The full enforcement of North Korean-related UN Security Council Resolutions is crucial to a successful outcome. The international community must continue to enforce and implement UN Security Council Resolutions until North Korea denuclearizes.

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Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Call with Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs

Readout
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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo spoke by phone today with the Philippines' Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Teodoro Locsin Jr., to congratulate him on his new position. The Secretary reaffirmed the longstanding U.S.-Philippines alliance and recognized the Philippines' important role in the Indo-Pacific region. Secretary Pompeo and Secretary Locsin discussed ongoing efforts to address regional issues such as North Korea, the South China Sea, and counterterrorism.

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