

# Press Releases: Secretary of State Tillerson's Participation in the Second U.S.-India-Japan Ministerial- Level Trilateral Dialogue

Readout  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
September 18, 2017

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The following is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, and Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono convened the second U.S.-India-Japan ministerial-level trilateral dialogue on September 18 on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. The ministers discussed the importance of a free and open Indo-Pacific region underpinned by a resilient, rules-based architecture that enables every nation to prosper. The ministers also affirmed the importance of the freedoms of navigation and overflight and the free flow of lawful commerce in the region and around the globe, including in the South China Sea. The ministers affirmed and applauded the international community's firm resolve to oppose the DPRK's unlawful acts, as reflected in UN Security Council Resolution 2375, and called for continuing international action to curtail the DPRK's nuclear and ballistic missile programs. The ministers expressed their commitment to maintaining regular dialogue among their three governments on topics of shared concern and to expand cooperation on regional connectivity, maritime security and humanitarian assistance/disaster relief.

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## **Press Releases: Readout of Secretary Tillerson's Meeting With Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov**

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

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
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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  
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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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## **[Press Releases: United States and Brazil Hold Disarmament and Nonproliferation Dialogue](#)**

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The United States and Brazil held their 6th Disarmament and Nonproliferation Dialogue in Washington, DC. on September 15. The meeting is one of several ongoing exchanges held by the United States and Brazil to strengthen bilateral cooperation in nuclear disarmament and arms control, export control, as well as nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons

nonproliferation.

Experts from both sides met to discuss a range of disarmament and nonproliferation challenges, and to identify strategic actions to best address them. The United States was represented by Acting Assistant Secretaries for Arms Control, Verification & Compliance, Anita Friedt, and International Security & Nonproliferation, C.S. Eliot Kang. Their Brazilian counterparts included Ambassador Maria Luisa Escorel de Moraes, Director of the Department of International Organizations at the Ministry of External Relations, and Ambassador Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota, Alternate Permanent Representative at the Brazilian Mission in Geneva.

The 2017 Dialogue placed special emphasis on U.S. and Brazilian efforts to counter and condemn the illegal pursuit of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, including by the DPRK and non-state actors. Both sides agreed to meet again next year.

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