

# Press Releases: U.S. Department of State Hosts Event To Commemorate International Aviation Milestones

Notice to the Press  
Washington, DC  
July 5, 2017

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Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs Patricia Haslach, European Commission Director General for Mobility and Transport Henrik Hololei, and General Counsel of the International Air Transport Association Jeffrey Shane will deliver keynote remarks at an event commemorating two international aviation milestones: the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first U.S. Open Skies agreement, signed with the Netherlands, and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States-European Union (EU) Open Skies agreement. The event will be held in partnership with the European Commission and take place July 10, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C.

The event also will feature panel discussions with U.S. and European government officials, international aviation industry representatives, and other experts. These sessions will focus on the record of the past 25 years and the benefits of the U.S.-EU and other Open Skies agreements. Ambassador Henne Schuwer of the Embassy of the Netherlands to the United States will give closing remarks.

The United States has concluded agreements with over 120 Open Skies partners since 1992. Open Skies allows airlines the rights to offer international passenger and cargo services and to make business decisions with minimal government interference, including regarding routes, frequencies, and aircraft type. Open Skies has vastly expanded flights to and from the United States, promoted increased travel and trade, and facilitated job creation and economic growth.

The entire event is open to the press; it will conclude at approximately 6:00 p.m.

*Pre-set time for cameras: 1:00 p.m. from the 23rd Street entrance*

*Final access time for writers and still photographers: 1:30 p.m. from the 23rd Street entrance*

*Press may attend the event upon presentation of one of the following: (1) a*

*U.S. Government-issued identification card (Department of State, White House, Congress, Department of Defense, or Foreign Press Center); (2) a media-issued photo identification card; or (3) a letter from their employer on letterhead verifying their employment as a journalist, accompanied by an official photo identification (driver's license or passport).*

Press are requested to RSVP to the Department of State Economic and Business Affairs Bureau (EB) at [EPPDMedia@state.gov](mailto:EPPDMedia@state.gov) by July 7. Press with questions may contact the EB press office at (202) 647-0677 or the EU Delegation press office at (202) 862-9530 or [Kasper.Zeuthen@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:Kasper.Zeuthen@eeas.europa.eu).

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## **Press Releases: Secretary of State Tillerson Travel to Hamburg, Kyiv, and Istanbul**

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
July 5, 2017

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U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson will accompany President Donald J. Trump on travel to Hamburg, Germany, July 5–9.

Secretary Tillerson will then make his first official visit to Kyiv, Ukraine on July 9, where he will meet President Poroshenko and with young reformers from government and civil society. The Secretary will reaffirm America's commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, while

encouraging the Government of Ukraine to continue implementing reforms that will strengthen Ukraine's economic, political, and military resilience.

The Secretary will travel to Istanbul, Turkey, July 9–10, where he will meet with senior Turkish officials to discuss a range of bilateral and regional issues.

Follow Secretary Tillerson's travel to, Hamburg, Kyiv, and Istanbul via @StateDept on Twitter and visit the State Department's Flickr account for the latest trip photos. Stay connected at <https://blogs.state.gov/engage> and keep track of all of the Secretary's travels at <https://www.state.gov/secretary/2017travel/index.htm>.

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## **Press Releases: Under Secretary Shannon Travel to Grenada**

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
July 5, 2017

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Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., and Acting Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs Francisco Palmieri will travel to St. George's, Grenada, July 5-6, for the 38<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Conference of the Heads of Government.

The Under Secretary will meet with CARICOM member Heads of Government and Foreign Ministers to discuss regional and bilateral issues of mutual interest. He will also meet with CARICOM Chairman and Prime Minister of Grenada Keith Mitchell to discuss stronger coordination between the United States and the Caribbean Community.

For further information, please contact Jason Jeffreys at [WHAPress@state.gov](mailto:WHAPress@state.gov).

To learn more about the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, please visit [here](#).

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## **Press Releases: On the Occasion of Cabo Verde's National Day**

Press Statement  
Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
July 5, 2017

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On behalf of the United States, congratulations as you celebrate Cabo Verde's 42nd year of independence on July 5.

Our countries' longstanding friendship dates back to the 18th century and our current partnership is based on our shared ties and democratic values. Cabo Verde is a model of democratic governance and multi-party democracy, and is one of Africa's best political and economic success stories.

The United States is grateful for having Cabo Verde as a security partner. Last year, our security cooperation reached a new level when Cabo Verde hosted Epic Guardian, the largest U.S. military exercise ever to be held in Cabo Verde.

As you celebrate your National Day, know that the United States remains committed to our partnership with Cabo Verde and looks forward to continuing to support Cabo Verde's efforts to increase economic development, strengthen

security, and enhance the rule of law.

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## **[Press Releases: U.S. Citizen College Students Can Apply July 2 – 26, 2017 for Virtual Student Foreign Service eInternships](#)**

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

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The Virtual Student Foreign Service (VSFS) is the largest virtual internship program in the world. Managed by the U.S. Department of State, VSFS offers all federal agencies the opportunity to host remote interns. This year there are more than 1,000 vacancies with more than 30 federal agencies. VSFS offers unique mentoring and exposure to job opportunities within the United States, all without having to travel and physically report to an office.

Applications for the 2017-18 VSFS program are open between **July 2 and 26**, on [USAJOBS.gov](http://USAJOBS.gov). Meaningful work is waiting for U.S. college students across the Federal Government, including NASA, Smithsonian, State Department, CIA, National Parks Service, and others. You can see the projects offered at <http://vsfs.state.gov/> by clicking on “See All Projects” at the top. Students must follow the instructions on USAJOBS to apply.

Students play an important role in moving the government forward. There is something for everyone: graphic design, research, mapping, videography,

history, analysis, marketing, community management, writing, calculation, policy planning, app development, and more.

eInterns spend ten hours a week from September through May working remotely on their projects. This is unpaid, volunteer work, but eInterns make connections that make a difference, gain valuable experience, and sometimes get course credit. VSFS is open to U.S.-citizen undergrad through PhD degree candidates taking classes full or part-time, in-person or on-line, at a university anywhere in the world.

Learn more at our [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#). Have questions? Post them on our VSFS [forum](#). Also, sign up to receive notifications about VSFS and other internship opportunities under [Keep Me Informed](#), and check in with your regional [Diplomat in Residence](#) at your university.

For specific questions about the VSFS Program, please tweet us @VSFSatState (<https://twitter.com/vsfsatstate>) or visit [vsfs.state.gov](https://vsfs.state.gov).

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