

[Press Releases: Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad Travels to Belgium, Germany, Turkey, Qatar, Afghanistan, and Pakistan](#)

Media Note
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC
February 10, 2019

Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad will lead an interagency delegation to Belgium, Germany, Turkey, Qatar, Afghanistan, and Pakistan from February 10 – 28. This trip is part of an overall effort to facilitate a peace process that protects U.S. national security interests and brings all Afghan parties together in an intra-Afghan dialogue through which they can determine a path for their country's future. He will meet with our allies and partners to discuss mutual efforts to advance that goal and will consult with the Afghan government throughout the trip.

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[Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's](#)

Meeting With UN World Food Programme Executive Director David Beasley

Readout
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC
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The following is attributable to Deputy Spokesperson Robert Palladino:

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met yesterday with UN World Food Programme Executive Director David Beasley. The Secretary and the Executive Director emphasized the need for a political agreement that ends the conflict and brings peace, prosperity, and security to Yemen, and also discussed ongoing U.S.-World Food Programme cooperation to relieve Yemen's dire humanitarian situation, especially increased food security needs. The Secretary and Executive Director also discussed the situation in Venezuela and the difficult humanitarian circumstances forcing millions of Venezuelans to flee their country in search of basic necessities including food and medicine.

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Press Releases: Special Representative Biegun's Trip to Pyongyang

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Special Representative for North Korea Stephen Biegun met with Special Representative for U.S. Affairs of the State Affairs Commission of the D.P.R.K. Kim Hyok Chol February 6-8, in Pyongyang. Special Representative Biegun and Special Representative Kim discussed advancing President Trump and Chairman Kim's Singapore summit commitments of complete denuclearization, transforming U.S.-D.P.R.K. relations, and building a lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula. Special Representative Biegun and Special Representative Kim agreed to meet again in advance of President Trump and Chairman Kim's second summit.

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[Press Releases: U.S.-Portugal Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding To Establish a 12-Month Pilot Program To Build Intercultural Understanding and Provide Training at Innovative Organizations](#)

Notice to the Press
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC
February 8, 2019

The U.S. Department of State will host an MOU signing ceremony with Portugal at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2019, in the Treaty Room. The ceremony will commemorate the launch of a 12-month pilot program between both nations that will provide structured and guided training for young American and Portuguese people interested in learning about innovation and organizational growth and development.

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs Marie Royce and Portuguese Ambassador to the United States Domingos Fezas Vital will provide brief remarks before signing the MOU.

The event is open to the press. Pre-set time for video cameras is 2:15 pm from the 23rd Street entrance. Final access time for writers and stills is 2:30 pm from the 23rd Street entrance.

*Media representatives may attend through an **RSVP** no later than **February 11 at 10:00 a.m.** to eca-press@state.gov. The day of the event, participants are asked to please provide one of the following: (1) a U.S. Government-issued photo media credential (e.g., Department of State, White House, Congress, Department of Defense or Foreign Press Center), or (2) an official photo identification card issued by their news organization, or (3) a letter from their employer on official letterhead verifying their current employment as a journalist.*

Additionally, they must present an official government photo identification card (i.e., U.S. driver's license or passport).

For further information, please contact eca-press@state.gov.

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[Press Releases: Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Carl Risch](#)

Travels to Panama and Costa Rica

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Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Carl Risch will travel February 10-13 to Panama and Costa Rica to review consular operations and meet with foreign government counterparts.

The Assistant Secretary will underscore our deep and sustained commitment on a variety of consular issues, including the welfare and safety of U.S. citizens overseas, efficient and equitable visa processing, collaboration on intercountry adoptions, and the prevention and resolution of international parent child abduction cases.

For press inquiries please contact CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov or (202) 485-6150.

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