

SECTION I:

Management's Discussion and Analysis

“ Providing for the security of the United States must be the number-one goal of our American foreign policy. ”

– Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson

About the Department

OUR HISTORY

The U.S. Department of State (the Department) is the lead U.S. foreign affairs agency within the Executive Branch and the lead institution for the conduct of American diplomacy. Established by Congress in 1789, the Department is the nation's oldest and most senior cabinet agency.

The Department is led by the Secretary of State, who is nominated by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The Secretary of State is the President's principal foreign policy advisor and a member of the President's Cabinet. The Secretary carries out the President's foreign policies through the State Department and its employees.



More information on the duties of the Secretary can be found at: <https://www.state.gov/secretary/2017/index.htm>



More information on the Secretary's travel can be found at: <https://www.state.gov/secretary/travel/index.htm>

Did You Know?

Rex Wayne Tillerson has visited 20 countries, traveling over 110,000 miles during his 8 months as Secretary of State. He travels to all corners of the world to do his job. His duties as Secretary include acting as the President's representative at all international forums, negotiating treaties and other international agreements, and conducting everyday, face-to-face diplomacy.

OUR ORGANIZATION AND PEOPLE

The Department of State advances U.S. objectives and interests in the world through its primary role in developing and implementing the President's foreign policy worldwide. The Department also supports the foreign affairs activities of other U.S. Government entities including the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). USAID is the U.S.

Government agency responsible for most non-military foreign aid and it receives overall foreign policy guidance from the Secretary of State. The State Department carries out its foreign affairs mission and values in a worldwide workplace, focusing its energies and resources wherever they are most needed to best serve the American people and the world.