

and Cultural Exchange programs that engage both domestic and foreign audiences to develop mutual understanding and build foundations for international cooperation. Major highlights of FY 2017 funding included: \$320 million for Academic Programs, such as the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Program, \$215 million for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, notably the International Visitor Leadership Program and Citizen Exchange Program, and \$29 million for the Young Leaders Initiatives. This appropriation also funds over 400 employees of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

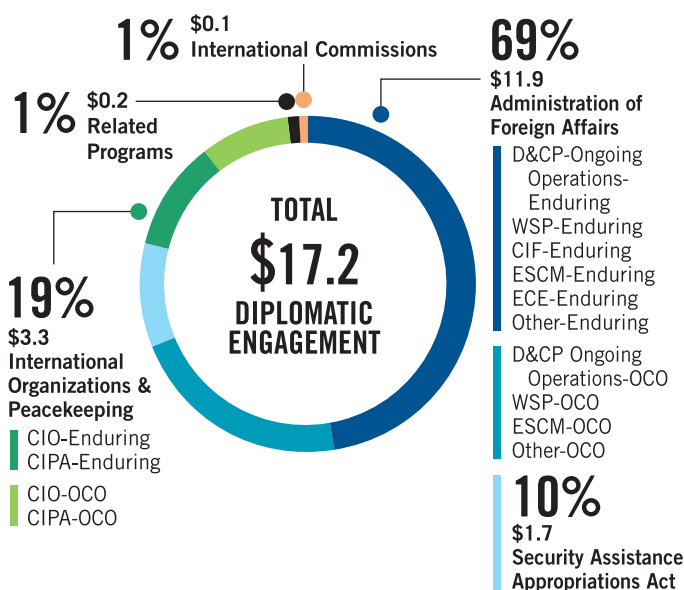
The FY 2017 appropriation provides a total of \$1.4 billion for the Contributions to International Organizations (CIO) account, including \$96.2 million for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism, and \$1.3 billion in Enduring funds for assessed contributions to international organizations including the United Nations and its specialized agencies, regional and Inter-American organizations, and other international organizations. The FY 2017 appropriation provides \$1.9 billion for the Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities (CIPA) account, including \$1.4 billion in OCO, and \$552.9 million in Enduring funds for assessed contributions to international peacekeeping activities directed to the maintenance or restoration of international peace

and security. The remainder of the Diplomatic Engagement enduring operations budget is comprised of Related Programs (\$204 million) and International Commissions (\$127 million) appropriations.

Looking ahead, the Department's FY 2018 Diplomatic Engagement budget request totals \$12.3 billion, including \$4 billion in OCO, and reflects the President's "America First" agenda that prioritizes the well-being of Americans, bolsters U.S. national security, secures the nation's borders, and advances U.S. economic interests. The President's request reflects a commitment to rebuild the nation's military within fiscal constraints, while working to advance national security objectives and foreign policy goals such as defeating ISIS and other transnational terrorist groups, combat illegal migration and trafficking, and level the playing field for American workers and businesses.

The FY 2018 Diplomatic Engagement Enduring request of \$8.3 billion represents the Department's ongoing investment necessary to advance the U.S.'s security and economic interests around the world. The FY 2018 OCO request includes \$2.98 billion for D&CP and WSP, \$1.02 billion for CIO and CIPA, and \$54.9 million for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. The majority of the D&CP OCO request continues to support the unique operating environment in Iraq, and the Kabul-centric presence in Afghanistan. The FY 2018 request will allow the Department to advance the nation's most important foreign policy goals and national security interests while ensuring that U.S. taxpayer dollars are used as effectively and efficiently as possible.

DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT BUDGET FY 2017
(dollars in billions)



Budgetary Position for Foreign Assistance

The FY 2017 Department of State Foreign Assistance budget totaled \$18.9 billion, including \$0.7 billion from the FY 2017 Security Assistance Appropriations Act. Foreign Assistance programs support the President's "America First" vision with a commitment to four key national priorities: Defending U.S. national security, asserting U.S. leadership and influence, fostering opportunities for U.S. economic interests, and ensuring effectiveness and accountability to the U.S. taxpayer.