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**U.S. Ambassador Congratulates Algeria on Algerian Diplomacy Day**

As the Algerian government celebrates its diplomatic history, I would like to express the enduring gratitude of the government and people of the United States of America for Algeria's role in securing the release of 52 American hostages in 1981.

The Algiers Accord continues to be an example of diplomacy at its finest. With creativity, perseverance, and an ability to find common ground between two seemingly distant positions, Algerian diplomats in 1981 mediated an agreement that saved lives and channeled serious differences into peaceful legal channels.

We remain profoundly grateful to the Algerian government for its role in freeing our hostages and salute Algeria's continued leadership in global diplomacy.

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