

**JOINT COMMUNIQUE –**  
**U.S.-ALGERIA STRATEGIC DIALOGUE**

The United States and Algeria convened the second session of the Strategic Dialogue on April 3, 2014, with Secretary of State John Kerry and Minister of Foreign Affairs Ramtane Lamamra chairing their respective delegations.

The President of the Republic , Mr, Abdelaziz Bouteflika granted an audience to the Secretary of State, Mr. John Kerry. The Secretary was also received by the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Youcef Yousfi.

The two sides engaged in a wide-ranging discussion of the future of the U.S. - Algeria relationship.

Both sides reiterated their commitment to expand, deepen, and broaden political economic, security, and commercial cooperation. The two countries agreed to share experience and expertise in the fields of education, including higher education, science, and technology. Both sides decided to open an International American School in Algiers in September 2015.

Both sides reiterated their support for the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF). The two countries agreed to work together to combat terrorism, increase information sharing, and fight trafficking and kidnapping for ransom. Both sides agreed to increase training and to expand opportunities for commercial and military sales, including improvement of border controls to quickly facilitate legal trade, while preventing trafficking of persons and goods. The United States and Algeria agreed that legal and administrative requirements should be implemented consistently with their national institutional framework and strategic dialogue.

The two countries agreed to deepen their economic and commercial relationship. The United States supports the development of Algeria's energy sector, including renewable energy technologies and non-traditional hydrocarbons. The United States also welcomes Algeria's interest in renewing cooperation under the bilateral Trade & Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA), and continues to support Algeria's efforts to join the World Trade Organization.

The countries also agreed to review ways to increase educational exchanges and encourage Algerian students to study in the United States. Both countries agreed to develop a joint English language strategy.

The United States is particularly grateful to Algeria for its important contribution to the J. Christopher Stevens Virtual Exchange Initiative.

The delegations confirmed support for the UN efforts to eliminate Syria's chemical weapon program and reiterated their support to the principles of the Geneva Communiqué. The countries continue to consult closely with Joint Special Representative Lakhdar Brahimi, our international partners, and the relevant actors, including the Syrian Opposition Coalition, to find ways to stop the bloodshed in Syria. The United States has been a leading donor of humanitarian assistance to those affected by the crisis in Syria, and appreciates Algeria's increased humanitarian assistance to those affected by the crisis in Syria. .

The two sides support a just and lasting peace in the Middle East and the Algerian Government supports enhanced U.S. efforts to this end.

The two sides also expressed support for United Nations Security Council Resolution 2099, including the commitment to assist the parties to achieve a just, lasting, and mutually acceptable political solution, which will provide for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara in the context of arrangements consistent with the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, noting the role and responsibilities of the parties in this respect.

The two sides also welcomed the adoption of the new constitution in Tunisia. They see this development as an important step towards a successful democratic transition.

Both sides support and look forward to a fruitful discussion during the U.S.-Africa Leaders' Summit in the United States.

Foreign Minister Lamamra and Secretary of State Kerry emphasized their commitment to the important relationship between the United States and Algeria. The United States expressed its gratitude to the Government of Algeria for hosting the second U.S.-Algerian Strategic Dialogue. Each side looks forward to continuing consultations on the topics discussed in each working group, and agreed to another session in Washington D.C. within the next year.

