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U.S. Delegation Travels to Sahrawi Refugee Camps

Ambassador Polaschik led a delegation of U.S. officials, on Monday February 15, to Tindouf to evaluate the implementation of U.S. humanitarian aid to the Sahrawi refugees and learn more about the issues affecting them. They plan to meet with officials from the United Nations and to speak with Sahrawi refugees — particularly women and youth — to gain a better understanding of the humanitarian situation in the camps.

The United States is a major contributor of aid. Since October 2013, the United States has contributed over \$23 million to support Sahrawi refugees, including over \$4 million to support life sustaining activities and rebuilding efforts following the October 2015 floods in the Sahrawi refugee camps.

The United States maintains its strong support for the UN-led negotiations process, which is designed to achieve a just, lasting, and mutually acceptable political solution that will provide for the self determination of the people of the Western Sahara.

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