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Press Release

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### 49th annual Paris Air Show

Today, 20 June 2011, marks the start of the 49<sup>th</sup> annual Paris Air Show, the summit of international aerospace and defense technology, to continue until June 26<sup>th</sup> at Paris' Le Bourget exhibition center. Boeing will unveil their highly anticipated 787 *Dreamliner*, alongside the newest *Galaxy* C5-M, and General Atomic's latest innovation, the MQP *Guardian*. American Exhibitors and equipment manufacturer participation is strong, and is a testimony to American ingenuity. Fuel-efficiency and alternative aviation fuels will feature prominently among these technologies. Daily flight displays will demonstrate these ground-breaking technologies to international visitors and companies.

Among the participants at this year's show will be 205 official delegations from 88 countries, 30 American general/flag officers, the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force, and Senior US European Command leaders and representatives to NATO. Ambassador Charles Rivkin will also be in attendance. American leadership in aviation technology, and growing cooperation with Europe in the aerospace industry, will be on display, evidenced by the growing percentage of American visitors in attendance (16%) and multi-billion dollar contracts.

The U.S. Embassy is committed to helping American aerospace companies reach out and work cooperatively with their French partners. At stake are hundreds of thousands of aerospace jobs on both sides of the Atlantic, the future of U.S.–French trade and investment relations in this industry, and the safety and security of our nation's interests — both at home and abroad.

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