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## **Press Release**

### **Visit by U.S. Delegation**

Ambassador Thomas A. Shannon, Counselor of the Department of State, will lead a U.S. interagency delegation to El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala from July 6-11. He will be joined by Assistant Secretary of State William R. Brownfield, DHS Assistant Secretary Alan Bersin, USAID Acting Assistant Administrator Beth Hogan, and DOJ Deputy Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Blanco.

While in the region, the delegation will focus on our comprehensive approach for supporting the three countries as they plan, coordinate, and implement the Alliance for Prosperity in the Northern Triangle. The delegation will meet with leaders in civil society and senior government officials, including heads of state, in each of the three countries to discuss our shared commitment and concrete steps toward increased security, good governance, and economic prosperity for the people of Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, and the broader region.

This trip follows a series of high-level U.S. government engagements with partners in El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala, including President Obama's meeting with his counterparts in July 2014; Secretary Kerry's meeting with the three foreign ministers at the UN General Assembly in September 2014; and Vice President Biden's meeting with the presidents of these three countries in November 2014, his travel to Guatemala in March, and his meeting with the President of Honduras in June.