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U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry spoke at the National Defense University about the Obama administration's foreign policy agenda for 2016. The main focus of his speech included the strategy for protecting America and its citizens, defeating the self-proclaimed Islamic State, addressing the humanitarian crisis in Syria, integrating screened refugees, and beginning implementation of several agreements, including the Iran nuclear deal (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action), the Paris climate change agreement, and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

Full Text: Secretary Kerry: "In this extraordinarily complicated time, the demand for United States leadership...particularly for leadership from what the President appropriately called the most powerful nation in the world is as high as it has ever been. And we understand that and we accept that responsibility willingly. That is why the United States will remain more engaged in more places around the world than at any other time in history...."

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