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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN KERRY

On the Occasion of Slovenia's Statehood Day

On behalf of President Obama and the people of the United States, I congratulate all Slovenians as you celebrate Statehood Day on June 25.

As NATO Allies, we've worked together to guarantee European collective security and bring peace and stability from Afghanistan to the Balkans. Our economic partnership has expanded trade and investment, creating greater economic opportunities for all our citizens. Our investment in educational cooperation and academic exchanges will continue to unite Americans and Slovenians in the future.

The United States stands with you as you celebrate the 23rd anniversary of your independence. We remain committed to our enduring friendship and alliance.