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Alec Ross, Senior Advisor for Innovation to Secretary of State Clinton

Topic: "21st Century Statecraft: How the Internet Changes International Relations"

October 26, 2011

Address: House of Teachers, 57 Volodymyrska Street

Presentation followed by discussion 16:00 – 17:30 pm

with simultaneous interpretation

Alec Ross serves as Senior Advisor for Innovation to Secretary of State Clinton. His mission is to maximize the potential of technology and innovation to meet America's diplomatic goals and promoting Secretary Clinton's **21st Century Statecraft** agenda. He advances the State Department's interests on a range of issues from Internet Freedom to disaster response to responding to regional conflicts.

Previously, Alec served as the Convener for Obama for America's Technology, Media & Telecommunications Policy Committee and served on the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team. In 2000, Alec and three colleagues founded the nonprofit organization One Economy and grew it from modest origins into the world's largest digital divide organization, with programs on four continents.

Alec was named the 2010 Middle East/North Africa Technology Person of the Year, cited by the Huffington Post as one of "10 Game Changers in Politics," named a "game changer" as one of Politico's "50 Politicos to watch" in 2010, and named one of 40 under 40 leaders in international development. Alec has served as a guest lecturer at numerous institutions including the United Nations, Harvard Law School, Stanford Business School, the London School of Economics, and a number of parliamentary bodies. His writing has appeared in publications including the SAIS Review of International Affairs, the NATO Review and the Hague Journal of Diplomacy. Alec started his career as a sixth grade teacher through Teach for America in inner-city Baltimore where he lives with his wife and their three young children.