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PRESS RELEASE

**Statement on March 25 International Conference on Guinea-Bissau
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As a friend and partner of the Bissau-Guinean people, the United States congratulates the vision of Guinea-Bissau's political and economic development that Prime Minister Domingos Simões Pereira and President José Mário Vaz presented to partners at the International Conference on Guinea-Bissau. They have clearly articulated both the aspiration and the specific plans required for a strong, vibrant and prosperous Guinea-Bissau within the larger community of West African nations. We thank the European Union, the United Nations Development Program and the Government of Guinea-Bissau for organizing this Conference.

The United States stands as a partner with the international community to build a strong, enduring relationship with Guinea-Bissau that will help in meeting the goals outlined at the Conference: establish a strong and diversified economy that provides opportunities for young people; reform and strengthen democratic institutions; fight corruption and promote good governance; and reduce poverty. We are committed to continuing our bilateral cooperation in the security sector, military sector, and on judicial reform, in addition to our technical assistance in the health sector.

Bissau-Guineans should be proud of the progress that has taken place in the ten months since elections and can count on the continued support of the United States.

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