

Remarks
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I would like to thank the dedicated, resourceful, and talented personnel of the National Police, the Gendarmerie, and Customs for participating in this week’s Drug Enforcement Seminar. In addition to learning valuable investigation techniques, this seminar has been a great opportunity for all of you to meet our new colleagues in the Drug Enforcement Administration, DEA, office here in Dakar. I know that DEA Country Attaché Adams and Special Agent Greer are looking forward to working closely with all of you.

The effective combat against international drug trafficking networks is dependent upon international law enforcement cooperation. DEA’s expertise and global presence is the result of decades of close collaboration with foreign counterparts to achieve common goals in the fight against international criminal organizations. It is our hope that the successful alliances on fighting drug trafficking networks between the United States and other countries throughout the world will be replicated here in Senegal between DEA and all the law enforcement organizations represented here today.

The United States wishes to be a strategic partner with Senegal -- and all of West Africa – to overcome the challenges posed by drug trafficking and other threats to its security. The United States appreciates your service, your sacrifices, and your bravery. Thank you again for your participation in this seminar which is just one example of our bilateral cooperation. And thank you for your partnership in addressing these challenges to peace and security.