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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY KERRY

On the Occasion of Slovenia's Statehood Day

On behalf of President Obama and the American people, I congratulate the people of Slovenia on the 25th anniversary of your Statehood Day on June 25.

As a valued NATO ally and member of the European Union, Slovenia plays a vital role in promoting security, human rights, and democracy in the region and around the world.

Our shared values and interests form the basis for our enduring relationship, including our extensive people-to-people ties and growing economic partnership. The United States greatly appreciates your contributions to stability and prosperity in the Western Balkans and in the fight against ISIL. And we will continue to work with Slovenia to advance peace, regional integration, and economic growth for both our countries in years to come.

As you celebrate this special day, the people of the United States send best wishes to all Slovenians.