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## U.S. To Co-host the Caribbean-United States Security Cooperation Dialogue

### Media Note

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On October 18, the United States, the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM), and the Dominican Republic will jointly host the Sixth Annual Caribbean-United States Security Cooperation Dialogue, part of the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) launched by President Obama in 2009.

The Dialogue brings together senior representatives from the Caribbean states, the United States, and international partners to strengthen regional cooperation on citizen security and combat the flow of illicit narcotics and other transnational crimes that threaten regional security. The United States has committed nearly \$437 million to CBSI since its inception.

Recognizing a strong link between security, social development, and economic growth, this year's Dialogue will address ways to advance Caribbean public safety and security institutions as well as harmonize sources for crime analysis for greater peace and stability in the Caribbean and the hemisphere.

The U.S. delegation is comprised of senior representatives from the Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Department of Justice, and other members of the interagency. This year's Dialogue will include remarks from the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Thomas Shannon; the Acting Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Mari Carmen Aponte; the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Francisco Palmieri; the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Daniel L. Foote; and the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Bureau of Latin America and the Caribbean for the U.S. Agency for International Development, Sarah-Ann Lynch.

For more information on the Dialogue's schedule, speeches, and releases please visit: <http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/cbsi/>

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