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#### Bilateral Dialogue Between the United States and Algeria on Security and the Fight Against Terrorism

On April 6, U.S. and Algerian officials met in Washington, D.C. for the fourth annual bilateral dialogue between the United States and Algeria on security and the fight against terrorism.

Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism Justin Siberell led the U.S. delegation, which included officials from the Departments of State, Defense, Justice, Homeland Security, and Treasury. The 17-member Algerian interagency delegation was led by Minister of Maghreb Affairs, the African Union, and the Arab League Abdelkader Messahel.

The meeting was designed to strengthen the U.S.-Algeria partnership and serve as a force multiplier for countering terrorism in the region. The United States views Algeria as an important and highly capable partner in this endeavor. Topics included regional terrorist threats, foreign terrorist fighters, and terrorist use of the Internet. The United States looks forward to continued counterterrorism exchanges with Algeria to further broaden and deepen our cooperation.