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Readout of Deputy Secretary Mayorkas' Trip to Latvia

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RIGA, Latvia—Today, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas concluded his trip to Latvia where he met with his European Union (EU) counterparts to discuss a range of shared global security-related priorities, including counterterrorism, foreign terrorist fighters, and aviation security.

Earlier today, Deputy Secretary Mayorkas, along with U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch, participated in the U.S.-EU Justice and Home Affairs Ministerial meeting. During the meeting, EUROPOL presented a report on its cooperation with U.S. agencies, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Secret Service, to counter cyber crime, and Deputy Secretary Mayorkas addressed international efforts to identify and interdict foreign terrorist fighter travel through improved information sharing, interdiction and arrests, and border security measures. Deputy Secretary Mayorkas also highlighted the Department's work to counter violent extremism.

While in Latvia, Deputy Secretary Mayorkas also met with Latvian Minister for the Interior Rihards Kozlovskis and EU Commissioner for Migration and Home Affairs Dimitris Avramopoulos to underscore the ties between the security of the United States and that of its EU partners. Following their meetings, the United States and Latvia issued a joint [statement](#) on enhancing transatlantic cooperation in the areas of justice, freedom and security.

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