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## JOHN KERRY VISITS FRANCOIS HOLANDE REAFFIRMING US SUPPORT AGAINST TERRORISM

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**USPA NEWS** - The French President, François Hollande, received two days ago, John Kerry, Secretary of State of the United States of America who apologized for their absence at the republican march. He asked the Secretary to thank President Obama for support provided by the US regarding the terrorist attacks.

The President of the French Republic and the Secretary of State agreed to further strengthen bilateral cooperation in combating terrorism after the attacks that hit the country last week. François Hollande recalled the efforts underway, particularly in the Normandy format to resolve the crisis in Ukraine. (See article <http://www.newsrama.uspa24.com/bericht-2374/diplomatic-sunny-sunday-hot-line.html>). The President of the French Republic and the Secretary of State also discussed the crisis in Syria, Iraq and Libya.

### JOHN KERRY IS WELCOMED AT ELYSEE PALACE BY THE FRENCH PRESIDENT, FRANCOIS HOLANDE FOR AN ACTIVE DISCUSSION

The French President François Hollande recalled the violence that has attacked his country last week. "The victims of terrorism a couple of months ago, this is the reason why the violence together. This is the purpose of our friendship".

Secretary J Kerry answered: "Well, Mr. President, thank you very, very much. And I think you know that you have the full and heartfelt condolences of the American people, and I know you know that we share the pain and the horror of everything you went through. We appreciate your comments about our common history with respect to terrorism. But the American people watch you and your team, and indeed all of the government lead with great elegance and grace in this week, during this difficult time. And we watched the people of France come together with a great sense of purpose and unity. It was a great lesson to the world, I think. And once again, France, through its commitment to freedom and to the passion of ideas, has made an important statement to the world." "So really, our hearts are with you and it's a pleasure to be able to be here to share these thoughts with you on a personal basis". (Office of The Press Secretary of White House)

### JOHN KERRY MET LAURENT FABIUS, AND EXPRESSED HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS

John Kerry went to Charlie Hebdo' site, January 16, in tribute to the victims of the January 7 alongside Laurent Fabius, his counterpart French. According to the spokesman of the French Minister of Foreign Affairs: "This visit demonstrates the solidarity uniting France and the United States against terrorism and to defend freedom. France and the United States cooperate closely in the fight against jihadist movements."

He adds that: "The visit of John Kerry will be carrying a symbolic message of friendship, it will also be an opportunity to discuss concrete measures to strengthen international cooperation against the global threat of terrorism".

In fact, John Kerry confirms, following the visit of the Attorney General, Eric Holder, on 11 January in Paris who announced the holding of a future summit on terrorism Washington DC. On February 18, 2015, the White House will host a Summit on Countering Violent Extremism to highlight domestic and international efforts to prevent violent extremists and their supporters from radicalizing, recruiting, or inspiring individuals or groups in the United States and abroad to commit acts of violence, efforts made even more imperative in light of recent, tragic attacks in Ottawa, Sydney, and Paris.

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The summit will highlight best practices and emerging efforts from these communities. At the same time, our partners around the world are actively implementing programs to prevent violent extremism and foreign terrorist fighter recruitment. The summit will include representatives from a number of partner nations, focusing on the themes of community engagement, religious leader engagement, and the role of the private sector and tech community." (Office of The Press Secretary of White House). France will therefore present alongside the US to discuss the next steps to set facing terrorism during this upcoming summit. Meanwhile, the European summit on 12 February will be fully devoted to this theme in this direction and in a European context.

For more information see: <http://french.france.usembassy.gov/>, [www.elysee.fr](http://www.elysee.fr), <http://www.state.gov/>, [www.diplomatie.gouv.fr](http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr)

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