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NOTICE

Hurricane Matthew – Update 3

As of 1700 EDT Hurricane Matthew was a Category IV storm and its eye was located about 25 miles south-southeast of Freeport on Grand Bahama Island and 100 miles east-southeast of West Palm Beach, FL. Hurricane Matthew is moving toward the northwest near 13 mph and this general motion is expected to continue tonight with a turn toward the north-northwest early Friday.

On the forecast track, the eye of Matthew should move near or over Freeport in the Bahamas in the next hour or so, and move close to or over the east coast of the Florida peninsula through Friday night. On the forecast track, Matthew should cross the northwestern Bahamas later today and move close to or over the east coast of the Florida peninsula through Friday night.

Maximum sustained winds are near 140 mph with higher gusts. Matthew is a category 4 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 60 miles (95 km) from the center and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 185 miles (295 km). A Hurricane Warning extends northward from the southern tip of Florida to South Santee River, South Carolina. A Tropical Storm Warning has been issued from north of South Santee River to Surf City, North Carolina.

The combination of a dangerous storm surge and the tide will cause normally dry areas near the coast to be flooded by rising waters moving inland from the shoreline. There is a danger of life-threatening inundation during the next 36 hours along the Florida east coast, the Georgia coast, and the South Carolina coast from Deerfield Beach, Florida, to South Santee River, South Carolina. There is the possibility of life-threatening inundation during the next 48 hours from north of South Santee River, South Carolina, to Cape Fear, North Carolina.

With respect to Hurricane Matthew, foreign missions should promptly

contact the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) in the event they experience property damages or are in need of non-emergency assistance. OFM's preferred method of receiving such notifications/inquiries is via OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov, but phone calls may be directed to (202) 647-3417 during normal business hours or to (571) 345-3146 after normal business hours.

For the most current information regarding this storm, please visit your local authorities as well as the National Hurricane Center at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>.

Additional information and resources concerning hurricane readiness is available at <http://www.state.gov/ofm/emergency/hurricane/index.htm>.