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NOTICE

Hurricane Florence – State of Emergency Declared in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia

Hurricane Florence is currently a Category 4 storm and is expected to make landfall along the South Carolina and North Carolina coasts this Thursday. The Center of the storm is approximately 1,200 miles South East of Cape Fear, North Carolina at this time. Hurricane force winds, freshwater flooding, and storm surge is likely and these watches will begin Tuesday morning. Foreign Missions are encouraged to monitor and follow state and local authorities as well as FEMA during this hurricane.

Foreign Missions are encouraged to immediately contact emergency responders by dialing 911 in the event of severe damage or physical injuries at its facilities and residences. Further, as a result of the hurricane, missions should notify the Department of State's Protective Liaison Division by telephone at (202) 566-8434 if any of its facilities or residences suffers damages that are suspected of compromising the security of their buildings.

Please contact OFM/DC if you need immediate assistance at 202-647-3417(normal business hours), OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov, or the Department of State Operations Center at 202-647-1512 for after-hour emergencies.

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>.