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## **NOTICE**

### **Hurricane Florence – Update #2**

As of 2pm Wednesday, Hurricane Florence is approximately 435 miles southeast of Wilmington, North Carolina. A small drop in wind speeds has brought the hurricane from a category 4 to a category 3 storm, but the wind speeds can still fluctuate. Hurricane, storm surge, and flood warnings remain in effect from the Virginia/North Carolina border to South Carolina with conditions expected to diminish on Thursday. 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 facilities or residences suffer damage suspected of compromising building security.

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

For the most current information regarding the storm, please visit the National Hurricane Center website at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> and the websites of your local authorities.

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