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NOTICE

Hurricane Florence – Update #3

As of 12pm Thursday, Hurricane Florence is approximately 130 miles southeast of Wilmington, North Carolina. Hurricane Florence is currently a category 2 storm with 105 mile per hour winds and the potential for the eye of the storm to make landfall Friday afternoon. Rainfall is estimated to be between 20-30 inches and up to 40 inches possible in some areas. Storm surge and flash flooding warnings remain in effect from the Virginia/North Carolina border to South Carolina. 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, 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>.