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NOTICE

Hurricane Florence – Update #4

Hurricane Florence made landfall near Wrightsville Beach, NC this morning at 7:15am as a Category 1 storm. As of 12pm, the eye of the storm is approximately 25 miles southwest of Wilmington, North Carolina. The storm will continue to move to the west-southwest today through Saturday and will continue to weaken as it moves inland. Heavy rains resulting in catastrophic flash flooding, prolonged river flooding, and storm surge is expected over coastal portions of North Carolina and 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>.