

Statement by National Security Council Spokesperson Bernadette Meehan on National Security Advisor Susan E. Rice's Meeting with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees

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National Security Advisor Susan Rice met at the White House this afternoon with UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Antonio Guterres. During their meeting, they discussed the grave humanitarian crises facing Africa and the Middle East – from Kenya to Syria to Yemen – and addressed the significant needs of refugees and other displaced and conflict-affected persons. They stressed the shared global responsibility for responding to these crises and discussed new approaches for supporting host countries in protracted refugee situations. Ambassador Rice emphasized the critical role that UNHCR and other UN agencies play in responding to these crises and pledged continued U.S. support.