



THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of State, it is a great pleasure to send my warmest greetings to all those gathered for the 9<sup>th</sup> triennial World Congress of Consuls in Izmir, Turkey.

Since 1982, the World Federation of Consuls has brought together Consular Associations from around the world in a spirit of solidarity and collaboration in order to better coordinate efforts and enhance the status and effectiveness of consular officers. This year's conference theme, "collaboration for economic and social prosperity," could not be timelier and highlights the role consular officers can and will play in revitalizing the world economy and expanding economic opportunity for all.

As you gather in Izmir for an exciting program of events, please know you have my best wishes, on behalf of the U.S. Department of State, for a healthy exchange of ideas and robust discussion of how we can work together toward our mutual goal of forging peace and prosperity across the globe.

With best wishes for a successful conference, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
Hillary Rodham Clinton