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## **Colombia Prepares to Welcome Secretary Tillerson**

**Washington, DC** — As part of his first multicountry trip to Latin America and the Caribbean, which kicks off tomorrow, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson will visit Colombia. He arrives in Bogotá on Tuesday, February 6, where he will meet with President Juan Manuel Santos.

Chief among the issues to be discussed is the status of Colombian Peace Agreement implementation, which has been under way for just one year, and milestones achieved thus far. Also expected to top the agenda is Colombia's accession to the OECD and U.S. support for this major step forward, which would strengthen the South American nation's economic position in the global economy.

"As we continue building a stable and lasting peace, we are grateful for the long-standing bilateral partnership and bipartisan support from the United States. The United States supported Plan Colombia, which laid the foundation for peace, and today, Peace Colombia provides resources and the foundation for Colombia's forward momentum," said Ambassador of Colombia to the United States Camilo Reyes, who will be joining President Santos and the Colombian delegation welcoming Secretary Tillerson.

"Now a nation at peace, Colombia is better positioned to work hand in hand with the United States and achieve even more together for the people of our two nations and the region," said Reyes.

In addition to meeting with President Santos and participating in a joint press availability with him, Secretary Tillerson will meet with his counterpart, Minister of Foreign Affairs María Ángela Holguín, and U.S. Ambassador to Colombia Kevin Whitaker. The Secretary's visit comes after the Vice President's visit in August and President Santos's meeting with President Trump at the White House last May.

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