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### Colin Powell to Discuss U.S. Foreign Policy at Sisco Forum Luncheon

WASHINGTON, DC, September 10, 2014: Colin Powell will address how the U.S. confronts multiple international crises at 12:30 PM on October 8, 2014 at The Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC. The event is co-sponsored by the American Academy of Diplomacy and the World Affairs Council – Washington, DC. Ambassador Marc Grossman will moderate the discussion.

Secretary Powell said at the [U.S. Diplomacy Center Groundbreaking Ceremony](#) on September 3, through diplomacy, we do everything we can to prevent wars, to help bring conflict to an end, and to rebuild the societies and economies of our former enemies. We execute treaties and help get them ratified to reduce armed conflicts and bring peace to different parts of the world.

“Secretary Powell’s remarks on the complex conflict issues facing today’s world will be immensely informative to the Council’s mission of engaging Americans through global education,” said Edie Fraser, Chairperson of the World Affairs Council – Washington, DC.

“Secretary Powell’s discussion will be an excellent blending of the Academy’s mission of strengthening American understanding of the importance of diplomacy and the World Affairs Council – Washington, DC’s mission of expanding American understanding of international events,” emphasized former Undersecretary of State Marc Grossman, Vice Chairman of the American Academy of Diplomacy.

### Notes to Editors

**The World Affairs Council – Washington, DC** is ‘A Leading Forum for Global Education and International Affairs’ and an institution ‘Where Learning Happens.’ WAC-DC is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to expanding awareness among the American public and the international community of geo-political, business, and civil society issues in our inter-connected world. Since 1980, WAC-DC has been a leading provider of top-level and thought-provoking presentations, debates, and discussions of global education and international affairs in the Washington, DC metro area.

The Council’s **Distinguished Speaker Series** and other international affairs programs and events provide a neutral forum for remarks by prominent political, business and opinion leaders; senior officials, legislators, and diplomats; Nobel laureates; and others.

**The American Academy of Diplomacy** is an organization of former senior diplomats dedicated to strengthening U.S. diplomacy and enhancing public appreciation of its critical role in advancing the national interest. In pursuit of its goals, the Academy supports programs that help diplomats respond to a world undergoing change, highlights past achievements and future opportunities for U.S. diplomacy, advocates for the resources needed to conduct an effective foreign policy, and fosters constructive debate on the best use of U.S. diplomatic assets.

In 2005, the Academy created the **Sisco Memorial Forum**, an annual event dedicated to the discussion of pertinent themes in US foreign policy, in honor of late Academy Chairman and former Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco.

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**Ambassador Marc Grossman** most recently served as U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. Prior to that, he was Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, and U.S. Ambassador to Turkey.

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