# U.S. Executive Branch Update – July 12, 2023

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This report provides a snapshot of the U.S. Executive Branch priorities via daily schedules and the prior day's press releases.

# **POTUS' Schedule\***

3:15 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT attends the Meeting of the North Atlantic Council at the level of Heads of State and Government, with Sweden, Indo-Pacific Partners, and the EU (10:15 AM Local) | Lithuanian Exhibition and Conference Center (LITEXPO), Vilnius, Lithuania

6:00 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT attends the Meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Council at the level of Heads of State and Government, with Sweden (1:00 PM Local) | Lithuanian Exhibition and Conference Center (LITEXPO), Vilnius, Lithuania

8:10 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT participates in a family photo with G7 leaders (3:10 PM Local) | Lithuanian Exhibition and Conference Center (LITEXPO), Vilnius, Lithuania

8:45 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT participates in a bilateral meeting with President Volodomyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine (3:45 PM Local) | Lithuanian Exhibition and Conference Center (LITEXPO), Vilnius, Lithuania

12:45 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT delivers remarks highlighting how the United States, alongside our allies and partners, are supporting Ukraine, defending democratic values, and taking action to address global challenges (7:45 PM Local) | Vilnius University, Lithuania

2:10 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT departs Vilnius, Lithuania en route to Helsinki, Finland (9:10 PM Local) | Vilnius International Airport, Lithuania

3:25 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT arrives in Helsinki, Finland (10:25 PM Local) | Helsinki Airport, Vantaa, Finland

# **VPOTUS' Schedule\***

1:15 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT will meet with civil rights leaders and consumer protection

experts to discuss the societal impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) | Eisenhower Executive Office Building

# White House Press Briefing\*

2:00 a.m. EDT – Press Gaggle by NSC Senior Director for Europe Amanda Sloat (9:00 AM Local) | Lithuanian Exhibition and Conference Center (LITEXPO), Vilnius, Lithuania

• <u>Transcript</u>: On-the-Record Press Gaggle by NSC Senior Director for Europe Amanda Sloat on the President's Trip to Europe

\*The U.S. President (POTUS) and Vice President's (VPOTUS) daily schedules are subject to change, as is the White House press briefing schedule.

# Recap of Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Note: All colored text denotes hyperlinks.

### The White House

- <u>Remarks</u> by President Biden and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg in Official Greeting | Vilnius, Lithuania
- <u>Readout</u> of President Joe Biden's Meeting with President Gitanas Naus?da of Lithuania
- <u>Remarks</u> by President Biden and President Gitanas Naus?da of Lithuania Before Bilateral Meeting | Vilnius, Lithuania
- <u>Readout</u> of President Joe Biden's Meeting with President Recep Tayyip Erdo?an of Türkiye
- <u>Remarks</u> by President Biden and President Recep Tayyip Erdo?an of the Republic of Turkey Before Bilateral Meeting | Vilnius, Lithuania
- <u>Statement</u> from National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan Welcoming Iraqi Progress Toward Energy Self-Sufficiency
- <u>Transcript</u>: Press Briefing by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre and National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan | Vilnius, Lithuania
- <u>Remarks</u> by Vice President Harris in Press Call on Affordable Childcare
- <u>Fact Sheet</u>: Vice President Harris Announces Actions to Lower Child Care Costs and Support Child Care Providers
- <u>Remarks</u> by Vice President Harris in Roundtable Discussion on the Americans with Disabilities Act

- <u>Message to the Congress</u> on the Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Hong Kong
- Notice on the Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Hong Kong
- Nominations: President Biden Announces Key Nominees
- Nominations Sent to the Senate
- <u>Emergency Declaration</u>: President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Vermont Emergency Declaration
- <u>Statement</u> from White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on Maine Becoming the Thirteenth State to Enact Paid Family and Medical Leave
- <u>Fact Sheet</u>: In Continued Fight Against Overdose Epidemic, the White House Releases National Response Plan to Address the Emerging Threat of Fentanyl Combined with Xylazine
- <u>Fact Sheet</u>: Bidenomics Is Delivering for Black Americans | The President's Plan Grows the Economy from the Middle Out and Bottom Up—Not the Top Down
- <u>Fact Sheet</u>: Bidenomics Is Delivering for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders | The President's Plan Grows the Economy from the Middle Out and Bottom Up—Not the Top Down
- <u>Fact Sheet</u>: Bidenomics Is Delivering for Latinos | The President's Plan Grows the Economy from the Middle Out and Bottom Up—Not the Top Down
- <u>Fact Sheet</u>: Biden-?Harris Administration Takes Action to Protect Communities from Extreme Heat Fueled by the Climate Crisis
- <u>Fact Sheet</u>: Biden-?Harris Administration Launches Workforce Hub in Columbus, Ohio and Announces New Commitments to Help More Workers Access Good Jobs | July 12, 2023

# **Department of Defense (DOD)**

- Article: Leaders Agree to Expedite Ukraine's NATO Membership
- Article: Brown Would Accelerate Change in U.S. Military to Maintain Deterrence
- Article: DOD | Nominate Individuals, Teams for IT Excellence in CIO Community
- Article: DOD Small Business Training Week | Connect, Mentor, Collaborate
- Contracts for July 11, 2023

# **Department of State**

Daily Schedule | Wednesday, July 12, 2023

#### <u>Europe</u>

- July 11: <u>Readout</u> | Secretary Blinken's Meeting with German Foreign Minister Baerboc
- July 11: <u>Remarks</u> | Secretary Antony J. Blinken and German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock Before Their Meeting
- July 11: <u>Statement</u> | Designation of Corrupt Official in Serbia
- July 11: <u>Statement</u> | The 28th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide

#### <u>Middle East</u>

• July 11: <u>Statement</u> | Iraq's Deal with Total Energies

#### <u>Asia-Pacific</u>

- July 11: <u>Statement</u> | Seventh Anniversary of the Philippines-China South China Sea Arbitral Tribunal Ruling
- July 11: <u>Advisory</u> | Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Kerry's Travel to the People's Republic of China
- July 11: Statement | Kiribati's National Day

#### Western Hemisphere

• July 11: <u>Statement</u> | Call to Release All 11J Political Prisoners in Cuba

#### <u>Africa</u>

• July 11: <u>Advisory</u> | Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Gupta Travels to Kenya and Rwanda

#### Interviews; Other Matters

- July 11: <u>Interview</u> | Secretary Antony J. Blinken with Andrea Mitchell of Andrea Mitchell Reports on MSNBC
- July 11: <u>Interview</u> | Secretary Antony J. Blinken with George Stephanopoulos of ABC Good Morning America
- July 11: <u>Interview</u> | Secretary Antony J. Blinken with Savannah Guthrie of The Today Show on NBC

- July 11: Interview | Secretary Antony J. Blinken with Gayle King of CBS Mornings
- July 11: <u>Statement</u> | U.S. Department of State Launches STEM Exchange Program for TechGirls from 36 Countries in Washington, D.C.

# U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

• <u>Readout</u>: Administrator Samantha Power's Meeting with President of the Ford Foundation Darren Walker

### **Department of the Treasury**

- Press Release: Treasury Calls for Large Position Reports
- Sanctions: Treasury Sanctions Official Linked to Corruption in Serbia
- <u>Sanctions List Updates</u>: Balkans-related Designation; Russia-related Designation Update

#### **The Federal Reserve**

• Press Release: Federal Reserve Board announces termination of enforcement action

# Security Exchange Commission (SEC)

<u>Press Release</u>: SEC Charges Merrill Lynch and Parent Company for Failing to File Suspicious Activity Reports

# **Department of Justice (DOJ)**

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) | Daily Press Releases

- <u>Press Release</u>: Justice Department Announces Settlement with J.R. Simplot to Improve Hazardous Waste Management and Reduce Emissions at Idaho Facility
- <u>Press Release</u>: Ohio Financial Planner Pleads Guilty to Promoting Illegal Charitable Contribution Tax Scheme
- <u>Press Release</u>: Former Private Prisoner Transport Officer Sentenced to Nine Years for Sexually Assaulting Pretrial Detainee

# **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**

 <u>Statement</u> from Secretary Mayorkas on the Nomination of Jeff Rezmovic to serve as the CFO of DHS

# Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

• Link to daily press releases

# Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)

- <u>Readout</u> of Ambassador Katherine Tai's Meeting with United Kingdom Shadow Secretary of State for International Trade Nick Thomas-Symonds
- <u>Remarks</u> by Ambassador Jayme White at U.S. Customs and Border Protection Green Trade Innovation and Incentives Forum

# Department of Commerce/National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA)

 <u>Press Release</u>: Statements of Assistant Secretary Delphin-Rittmon & Assistant Secretary Davidson on the Inaugural Meeting of the Task Force on Kids Online Health & Safety

# Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

• <u>Press Release</u>: FTC Issues Warning to Consumers About Scammers Impersonating FTC Staff

# **Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**

- <u>Press Release</u>: Chairwoman Proposes Rules to Protect Consumers' Cell Phone Accounts
- <u>Press Release</u>: Rosenworcel Stresses Federal Coordination to Close Digital Divide

# **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)**

• <u>Press Release</u>: CFPB Takes Action Against Bank of America for Illegally Charging Junk Fees, Withholding Credit Card Rewards, and Opening Fake Accounts

# **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

• <u>Statement</u> from Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on the Confirmation of Xochitl Torres Small as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture

# **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

- <u>Press Release</u>: EPA and HUD Seeking Presenters for Virtual Workshop on Revisiting Definition of Lead-Based Paint
- <u>Press Release</u>: Biden-Harris Administration Takes Latest Step in National Phasedown of Climate-damaging Hydrofluorocarbons
- <u>Press Release</u>: Join EPA in Rochester to Share Your Views on Great Lakes Restoration and Protection
- Link to other EPA press releases

# Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

• <u>Press Release</u>: FAA Invests Nearly \$92 Million to Help Airports Reach President's Goal of Net Zero-Emissions by 2050

# **Department of Labor (DOL)**

- <u>Readout</u>: Acting Secretary Su kicks off 'Good Jobs, Great Cities Academy' meeting of government, business, labor leaders, stakeholders
- <u>Press Release</u>: U.S. Department of Labor proposes \$393K in fines after follow-up inspection finds Verona, Missouri chemical plant continues to endanger workers
- <u>Press Release</u>: Court holds Baltimore company, owner in contempt for failing to comply with order to restore \$153K to company's employee 401(k) plan

- <u>Press Release</u>: U.S. Department of Labor awards \$800K to support disaster-relief jobs, training in Massachusetts to continue state's opioid crisis response
- <u>Press Release</u>: U.S. Labor Department seeking over 1,300 current, former workers at Arizona auto parts distributor, delivery company to repay over \$5.6M in back wages, damages
- <u>Press Release</u>: U.S. Department of Labor awards \$800K to continue employment, training services for coastal communities in 6 counties affected by layoffs in Maine
- <u>Press Release</u>: U.S. Department of Labor finds Newark contractor willfully exposed workers to fall hazards in 6 inspections in three months, proposes \$333K in fines
- <u>Press Release</u>: U.S. Labor Department recovers \$251K in back wages for 27 workers after finding West Columbia restaurant kept tips, failed to pay overtime
- <u>Press Release</u>: U.S. Department of Labor recovers \$469K in back wages, damages from California restaurants operator that denied overtime pay to 114 workers
- <u>Press Release</u>: Significant consequences | U.S. Department of Labor recovers \$1M for home care workers in New Hampshire, Vermont

#### Health & Human Services (HHS)

- <u>Press Release</u>: New Rule Proposed to Improve Child Care Access, Affordability, and Stability
- <u>Press Release</u>: HHS Issues Proposed Rule to Advance Non-discrimination in Health and Human Service Programs for LGBTQI+ Community

#### Food & Drug Administration (FDA)

• <u>Press Release</u>: FDA Roundup | July 11, 2023

# Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- <u>Press Release</u>: HUD Secretary Partners with Japan to Forge Sustainable Urban Solutions and Climate Resilience
- <u>Press Release</u>: HUD Charges California Landlord, Property Manager, and Maintenance Worker with Sexual Harassment

### **Government Services Administration (GSA)**

- <u>Report</u>: Monthly Budget Review | June 2023
- <u>Cost Estimate</u>: Estimated Direct Spending and Revenue Effects of H.R. 3561, the PATIENT Act of 2023
- Cost Estimate: S. 1325, Western Hemisphere Partnership Act of 2023

### **Government Accountability Office (GAO)**

- <u>Report</u>: COVID-19 | GAO Recommendations Can Help Federal Agencies Better Prepare for Future Public Health Emergencies
- <u>Report</u>: Defense Health Care | Additional Assessments Needed to Determine Effects of Active Duty Medical Personnel Reductions
- Report: Small Business Administration | Exploring Potential Use of Blockchain

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