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Statement on the United States – Jordan Free Trade Agreement Joint Committee Meeting

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The United States-Jordan Joint Committee, established under the 2001 Free Trade Agreement (FTA), met on July 14, 2019, in Amman, Jordan to promote increased bilateral trade and investment in both goods and services. The meeting was co-chaired by L. Daniel Mullaney, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, and Yousef Al Shamali, Secretary General Ministry of Trade and Investment.

During the meeting, the United States and Jordan discussed a range of bilateral trade and investment issues, noting positively the increase in bilateral trade during 2018. Officials focused on ways to promote greater reciprocal market access for agricultural and industrial goods, including with respect to technical standards and regulations and food safety measures, as well as Jordanian labor reforms, improved IP protection and implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.

The United States also expressed a willingness to explore further technical assistance in Jordan with the aim of promoting enhanced trade and investment.

Both governments agreed to strive to make additional progress in advance of the next Joint Committee meeting, to be held in Washington in 2020.