



**JOINT STATEMENT**  
BY  
**SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JAMES N. MATTIS**  
AND  
**MINISTER OF DEFENSE ALBERTO ESPINA**

**AUGUST 16, 2018**

Secretary of Defense James N. Mattis and Minister of Defense Alberto Espina met on August 16, 2018, in Santiago, Chile. During their meeting they reaffirmed the excellent and long-standing bilateral defense relationship between Chile and the United States. Minister Espina and Secretary Mattis discussed the opportunities and risks posed by the globalization of information and communications technologies and the need for nations to work together to promote stability in the cyberspace domain to:

- i. Maintain an open, interoperable, secure, and reliable internet;
- ii. Protect national security and critical infrastructure; and
- iii. Promote norms of responsible state behavior in the cyberspace domain.

Secretary Mattis and Minister Espina affirmed the strong military-to-military cooperation between the Chilean and U.S. Armed Forces, including efforts to foster collaboration and cooperation in cyber defense. Minister Espina and Secretary Mattis intend to pursue enhanced cyber defense cooperation through exchanges, exercises, training, and other cooperative activities including the following:

- i. Discussion on cyber initiatives during July 23-24, 2018, XVIII U.S. – Chile Defense Consultative Committee;
- ii. A Department of State-led interagency Executive Cyber Consultation for Senior Chilean Government Officials on August 23-24, 2018; and
- iii. Texas National Guard (State Partnership Program)-led cyber cooperation planning meeting with the Chilean Armed Forces in November 2018.

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ALBERTO ESPINA OTERO  
Minister of Defense  
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JAMES N. MATTIS  
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