

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco Visits Washington DC to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Antarctic Treaty

April 2009 - HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco visited Washington DC on April 6 for bilateral talks with newly installed US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton and to mark the commemorative activities of the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Antarctic Treaty.



Following remarks by Secretary Clinton, and the Norwegian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jonas Gahr Store, the Washington Ministerial Declaration on the International Polar Year, (on the 50th anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty), was adopted. The trio then joined a lunch hosted by Secretary Clinton.

Afterwards, the Prince attended celebrations for the International Polar Year at the National Academy of Science Building, followed by a visit to the National Museum of Natural History.

The Antarctic Treaty was signed on December 1, 1959 and implemented June 23, 1961 with its principal objective being to insure in the interest of all humankind that Antarctica continue to be used exclusively for peaceful purposes and not become the scene or object of international discord.

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