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Introduction

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- · Foreign affairs agency managing the diplomatic and international relations of the US government
- Has consular offices abroad and agencies in Washington, DC

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How to they operate?

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The DOS is a cabinet-level federal agency principally responsible for carrying out foreign relations. It consists of bureaus and offices that are responsible for handling various interests and policy initiatives.

- Individual offices are often headed by Under Secretaries
- Some offices report directly to the Secretary of State or the Deputy Secretary of State
- Examples: the Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)



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What do they do?

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The DOS leads America in foreign policy issues, negotiates treaties and agreements with foreign entities, represents the US at the United Nations, and more.

- Represents the US in the United Nations
- Serves as the face of America overseas
- Supports American citizens abroad
- Promotes democracy and foster stability around the world
- Helps foreign nations in times of crisis

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