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## **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN FOREIGN POLICY CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY AT ANNUAL AFFAIRS OF STATE GALA**

**WASHINGTON – Sept. 6, 2014** – On Saturday, Sept. 6, young professionals from around Washington gathered to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YPFP) at the organization’s annual Affairs of State Gala. More than 250 of the city’s brightest young foreign policy wonks and international affairs junkies gathered at the National Press Club on Saturday evening, for Washington’s premier event for young professionals.

Gary Barnabo, President of YPFP, remarked, “I am so excited to be celebrating our tenth anniversary with friends and colleagues at Affairs of State this year. Every day, somewhere in the world, YPFP members are meeting face-to-face. This is one of those days. This is one of those somewheres.”

Throughout the evening, guests clinked their glasses to the music from the live DJ. With laughter and whiskey tastings, YPFP rang in an 11th year of bringing together today’s young professionals and tomorrow’s foreign policy leaders.

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### **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN FOREIGN POLICY**

Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YPFP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering the next generation of foreign policy leaders. Founded in 2004, YPFP provides members with the knowledge, skills, exposure, and relationships to tackle critical global challenges over the course of their careers. With locations in Brussels, London, New York, Washington, Nigeria, Rome and Tel Aviv, YPFP is a community of promising young professionals with diverse professional and cultural backgrounds, bound together by an interest in addressing global challenges. YPFP educates and influences its members through comprehensive, informed, and diverse cross-sector dialogue with each other and today’s leading foreign policy leaders.