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The U.S. Embassy Skopje wishes to inform you that the Department of State has updated the Travel Warning for Serbia:

TRAVEL WARNING FOR SERBIA

This Travel Warning updates U.S. citizens about safety and security concerns in Serbia. American citizens should strongly consider the risks of traveling to or remaining in Serbia at this time. The U.S. Embassy in Belgrade continues to operate on a limited basis under the ordered departure of non-emergency American staff and all family members. This Travel Warning supersedes the Travel Warning for Serbia dated February 22, 2008.

Since the large-scale demonstrations of February 21, the situation has calmed considerably with no further incidents of violence. The Embassy is currently open for limited services, including American Citizen Services. The Embassy will resume full operations as soon as the security situation permits. American citizens in Belgrade are advised to avoid areas where demonstrations may take place, such as the U.S. Embassy.

U.S. citizens or family members concerned for the safety of U.S. citizens in Serbia should call the Embassy switchboard at +381 11 361 9344 and ask to be connected with the American Citizen Services section. Those with an after-hours emergency should call +381 11 361 9344.

The U.S. Embassy in Belgrade expects that future gatherings and events protesting Kosovo's declaration of independence, both official and unofficial, could pose security risks for onlookers and participants. Demonstrations in Serbia could be sparked by future incidents of violence in Serbia or Kosovo or could take place on a variety of dates with political or historical significance and following sporting matches. Businesses and organizations with U.S. affiliations may serve as focal points for these demonstrations.

We wish to remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. Avoid the areas of demonstrations and exercise caution. Since the timing and routes of marches and demonstrations are always subject to change, American citizens should monitor local media sources for new developments.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Public Announcements, and Travel Warnings can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S. and Canada, or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Belgrade is located at 50 Kneza Milosa Street. The Embassy website is <http://belgrade.usembassy.state.gov>. The Embassy telephone number is 381-11-3619-344. The Consular Section telephone is 381-11-3619-344 ext. 4655, 4665 and 4860, and the fax number is 381-11-3615-989. For after-hours emergencies, the number is 381-11-306-4679. (664) 622-7400.

In the event further information is obtained regarding this or any other security or safety situation, U.S. Embassy Skopje will provide updates via this same channel and on the Embassy's web page at <http://skopje.usembassy.gov>. Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website <http://skopje.usembassy.gov> and the U.S. Department of State's travel website at www.travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review to "A Safe Trip Abroad," found at http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

Citizens living and residing in Macedonia are advised to register their presence in the country through the U.S. Department of State's automated online registration system, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. U.S. citizens may also contact the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy via e-mail or by calling +389 02 311 6180. This complete message is available on the Embassy's website at <http://skopje.usembassy.gov>. In case of an emergency outside normal business hours, American citizens may reach the Embassy duty officer by calling 02-311-6180.

American citizens residing in Kosovo may contact US Office Pristina during working hours by calling (038)-5959-3000. USOP's duty officer may be reached after hours via the same number.