

# United States Embassy Macedonia

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#### **1. United States “Ready to Lead Once More” at United Nations**

The change that came to the United States with the election of President Obama is being reflected by changes in its approach the United Nations, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Susan Rice says, with the recognition that U.S. security and well-being is linked with that of people all over the world. ...

#### **2. Sotomayor Confirmed as Newest US Supreme Court Justice**

President Obama says he is “pleased and deeply gratified” that U.S. lawmakers have approved Judge Sonia Sotomayor to be the 111th justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, the highest level of the judicial branch of the U.S. government. Sotomayor will be the first Hispanic American to serve on the court. ...

#### **3. Obama to Lead UN Session on Nonproliferation**

President Obama will chair a high-level meeting of the U.N. Security Council on nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament when the United Nations convenes for the opening of the General Assembly in September, U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice says. ...

#### **4. European Muslim and Jewish Leaders Visit America**

A delegation of European imams and rabbis spends five days in Washington and New York in July for visits to promote interfaith understanding. This group included influential Jewish and Muslim spiritual leaders from Britain, Belgium, France, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, Norway and Russia. ...

#### **5. Ambassador Rice’s Remarks on Women, Peace and Security**

Ambassador Susan E. Rice, U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations, makes remarks during an open Security Council debate on Resolution 1820 and women, peace, and security. ...

#### **6. Social Networks and Study Abroad**

Students are increasingly using social-networking sites such as Facebook to research their study-abroad destinations and get information from people with experience. This technology has also proven to be an important way to keep in touch with friends made while abroad, as well as to make new ones. ...

## **In case you missed it:**



*Ambassador Reeker with the 15 high school students selected to be Macedonia's first YES program scholars (LP)*

### **YES High School Exchange Students Depart for a Year of Study in the U.S.A.**

In a pioneering new exchange program, high school students from Macedonia will participate in the Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Ambassador Reeker welcomed fifteen YES program students and their parents to a barbecue in their honor. Initiated in 2003, the YES program seeks to build bridges of international understanding, especially between Americans and people in countries with significant Muslim populations. YES students live as a "son" or "daughter" in an American family, engage in school activities and volunteer in their communities. They learn about American society and values while helping to educate others about the customs and culture of their homelands.

◇ **To see more photos from the event please [click here](#).**



*Ambassador [Philip T. Reeker](#)*

### **Joint statement by the Head of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje Ambassador Jose-Luis Herrero; EU Special Representative and Head of EC Delegation Erwan Fouéré and United States Ambassador Philip T. Reeker**

SKOPJE, 13 August 2009

The Skopje missions of the OSCE, the European Union and the U.S. Embassy issued the following statement today to mark the eighth anniversary of the signing of the Ohrid Framework Agreement...[full text](#).



*A counselor oversees the campers as they work together on a joint project designed to build leadership skills and demonstrate the values of teamwork. (LP)*

### **Building Leadership Skills for Macedonian Youth**

August 3-9, 2009

The Red Cross of Skopje organized the 2009 National Leadership Camp for Boys in Krushevo, Macedonia August 3-9. The camp brought together dozens of high-school age boys from across the country to participate in a week-long program focused on the development of leadership skills, respect for the environment, knowledge about democracy and civil society, and the value of diversity and inter-ethnic understanding. The U.S. Embassy Skopje proudly contributes to this and similar projects through the Democracy Commission Small Grants Program.

◇ **To see more photos from these two events please [click here](#).**



*Ambassador Reeker visited the stand of the YCO in the square in Ohrid. (LP)*

## **Ambassador Reeker encourages the work of local NGO, Youth Council of Ohrid**

August 10, 2009

Ambassador Philip Reeker visited the USAID funded YCO (Youth Council of Ohrid), a local NGO that is working in youth outreach in the Ohrid and Struga region. The Ambassador visited one of the handcrafts stands of YCO in the streets of downtown Ohrid. Also in Ohrid, Ambassador Reeker visited the Hydrobiological Institute in Ohrid, the first scientific research institution in the city of Ohrid and the first research institute devoted to the environmental conditions and preservation of freshwater resources in the Balkans.

◇ **To see more photos from these two events please [click here](#).**



*Ambassador Philip T. Reeker and EUSR Erwan Fouéré address the Mayors of Ohrid and Struga, as well as many of the other mayoral candidates, at a reception in Hotel Denarius in Ohrid. (LP)*

## **Ambassador Reeker and EUSR Erwan Fouere meet with Mayors and Local Leaders in Struga and Ohrid**

August 09, 2009

On August 9, 2009 Ambassador Philip Reeker and the EUSR Erwan Fouere met with the mayors of Ohrid and Struga and the mayoral candidates from the last local elections. Both Ambassador Reeker and EUSR Fouere congratulated the Mayors and all of the mayoral candidates for the successful elections. The Ambassadors also encouraged the mayoral candidates to continue to offer their support and efforts to the municipalities in their capacity as community leaders.

◇ **To see more photos from the visit to Ohrid and Struga please [click here](#).**

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