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The United States is taking a new approach to a host of emerging global challenges, but friends and allies such as Europe must shoulder their share of the burden, says President Obama,...

2. Obama Administration Seeks Greater Involvement with U.N.

The Obama administration is “deeply committed to international human rights issues and to the United States being an active player in advancing universal standards,” said Esther Brimmer, President Obama’s newly appointed assistant secretary for the State Department’s Bureau of International Organization Affairs....

3. Budget Plan from Congress Serves as Spending Blueprint

Congress passes resolutions supporting the president’s budget request, but specifics of how money will be spent and how revenues will be collected are yet to be determined. The nonbinding blueprints for the fiscal year that begins on October 1 are the first steps in a lengthy legislative process. ...

4. United States to Seek Membership on U.N. Human Rights Council

The United States believes that working within the U.N. Human Rights Council is the best way to improve the council’s goal of thwarting global human rights abuses, says the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations....

5. Fine Arts Program Offers Intensive Experience, Diversity

Rhode Island School of Design, which has the top-ranked U.S. graduate programs in the fine arts, offers students an intensive academic experience. International students comprise almost 25 percent of the RISD student body, which makes diversity a key part of the RISD experience. ...

In case you missed it:



Macedonian Presidential and Municipal Elections

Statement by Robert A. Wood, Acting Department Spokesman

April 8, 2009

The United States congratulates President-elect Gjorge Ivanov. The United States looks forward to working with President-elect Ivanov and his team on the critical issues ahead for Macedonia and the region. We also congratulate the Republic of Macedonia for conducting peaceful and democratic presidential and nationwide municipal elections, which concluded April 5.



Ambassador Reeker speaks to reporters at the NATO Forum.

 **video** - (WMV file - size 2.64 MB).

Commemorating 60 Years of NATO

April 8, 2009

Days after the country completed successful Presidential and local elections, Ambassador Reeker spoke at a forum where the NATO summit was discussed.

◇ To view the text of his speech, please [click here](#).

◇ To see SITEL TV news footage (WMV/size 2.64 MB), [please click here](#).



Ambassador Reeker and Macedonian officials watch a K-9 demonstration. [\(LP\)](#)

video - WMV file - size 1.06 MB.

Photo Credit: Zoran Jovanovski.

[Cooperation to Strengthen Macedonia's Interdiction Capacity](#)

April 15, 2009

Ambassador Reeker joined the Minister of Defense and Minister of Interior to open a renovated dog training facility, the culmination of a two-year project that required unprecedented cooperation between the Embassy and two Macedonian ministries. In his remarks he highlighted how military and law enforcement officials from the Embassy worked seamlessly with their Macedonian counterparts to modernize a facility that would train canines to intercept drugs and weapons.

- ◇ To watch TV news coverage of this event (WMV file - size 1.06MB), please [click here](#).
- ◇ To read his speech, please [click here](#).



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