

U.S. Embassy Donates Two X-ray Vans to Customs Administration May 18, 2005

On Wednesday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m., the U.S. Government will present two new Mobile X-ray Scanning Vehicles to the Customs Administration. U.S. Embassy Chargé d’Affaires Paul D. Wohlers and Macedonian Director General of Customs Ilija Iloski will speak at the presentation ceremony.

The two new vehicles will be used to assist mobile enforcement teams in conducting random screenings. It is anticipated that the new and technologically advanced equipment will help to better protect Macedonia’s borders, and will assist in the ongoing campaign against Weapons of Mass Destruction. The vehicles are self-sufficient and equipped with inboard generators, which enable them to operate for up to 15 hours without recharging. The donation by the U.S. Government, through the Office of Export Control and Border Security, is valued at approximately U.S. \$250,000.

Members of the press are invited to cover the presentation ceremony at the Customs Administration on “Lazar Licenski” St. 13, Skopje. The vehicles will be available for inspection by the journalists, and experts will be on hand to answer questions regarding the equipment. Journalists should arrive at the site no later than 9:45 a.m.

