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WARDEN MESSAGE

This warden message is to inform American citizens that today, February 27, there is a demonstration scheduled to begin at 7:00 P.M. in Pela Square, located near the Trgovski Center by "Fresh" Fast Food in downtown Skopje. The demonstration will be held under the motto – "Macedonia, Macedonian, Macedonians-that is all we accept". The protesters oppose changing the constitutional name of the Republic of Macedonia. The U.S. Embassy is encouraging all Embassy personnel and dependents to avoid the area during the demonstration.

We wish to remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

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 website.

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 American 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.

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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.