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

Travel Warning-Serbia

This Travel Warning updates U.S. citizens about safety and security concerns in Serbia and replaces the travel alert of February 21, 2008. On February 22, 2008, the Department of State ordered the departure from Serbia of non-emergency personnel and eligible family members of American employees at the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade.

On February 21, a large organized demonstration in front of the Serbian Parliament in downtown Belgrade turned violent. Street protesters in different locations clashed with police and attacked the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade. The U.S. Embassy in Belgrade remains temporarily closed to the public. U.S. CITIZENS SHOULD STRONGLY CONSIDER THE RISKS OF TRAVELING TO OR REMAINING IN SERBIA AT THIS TIME. 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 or with an afterhours emergency may call 24/7 at 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S. and Canada. Callers outside the U.S. and Canada should call our regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

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. 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.

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)-5959-30000. USOP's duty officer may be reached after hours via the same number.