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RESUMPTION OF LIMITED CONSULAR SERVICES
U.S. EMBASSY ASMARA
MARCH 29, 2010

The U.S. Department of State informs U.S. citizens that the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in Asmara has re-opened for limited visa and all U.S. citizen services.

U.S. citizens currently living or traveling in Eritrea are strongly encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Asmara through the State Department's travel registration web site, https://travelregistration.state.gov or in-person, Monday through Thursday from 2:00-4:00pm when the embassy is open for U.S. citizen services. By registering, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of an emergency and provide updates on the security situation. The U.S. Embassy is located at 179 Alaa Street, P.O. Box 211, Asmara; telephone (291-1) 12-00-04; fax (291-1) 124-255 and (291-1) 127-584.

Since September 13, 2008, the Government of Eritrea has periodically interfered with the unfettered delivery of the U.S. Embassy's diplomatic pouches. When this happens, the Embassy is unable to receive critical supplies and materials necessary for the conduct of normal operations, and thus must close for all but emergency services to U.S. citizens. Because conditions may change on short notice, U.S. citizens in Eritrea are urged to monitor U.S. Embassy Asmara website for the latest information at http://asmara.usembassy.gov/.

Additionally, U.S. citizens may consult the Department of State's Country Specific Information sheet for Eritrea including the latest travel warning, and the Worldwide Caution at http://travel.state.gov/. U.S. citizens may also obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 from overseas.

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U.S. Embassy Asmara
February 19, 2010

The U.S. Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the risks of travel to Eritrea, recommends that U.S. citizens defer travel at this time, and informs U.S. citizens that the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in Asmara is currently closed for all public non-emergency services. The Consular Section will continue to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens.

Periodically since September 13, 2008, the Government of Eritrea has repeatedly, and in violation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, interfered with the unfettered delivery of the U.S. Embassy's diplomatic pouches. As a result, the Embassy is unable to receive critical supplies and materials necessary for the conduct of normal operations. Until this matter is resolved, the consular section of the U.S. Embassy has no choice but to suspend all non-emergency services. This closure affects all routine services to American citizens, such as Consular Reports of Birth Abroad, passport services, and notarial services. The Embassy hopes to resume consular services once the Government of Eritrea resumes uninterrupted delivery of diplomatic pouches. Until then, American citizens who need routine consular services should consider traveling to the U.S. Embassies in Cairo, Egypt or Nairobi, Kenya, or the U.S. Consulate in Dubai, U.A.E.

Americans currently living or traveling in Eritrea are strongly encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Asmara through the State Department's travel registration web site, https://travelregistration.state.gov, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Eritrea. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of an emergency and provide updates on the security situations. The U.S. Embassy is located at 179 Alaa Street, P.O. Box 211, Asmara; telephone (291-1) 12-00-04; fax (291-1) 124-255 and (291-1) 127-584; web site http://asmara.usembassy.gov/.

For additional information, consult the Department of State's Country Specific Information sheet for Eritrea and the Worldwide Caution at http://travel.state.gov. American citizens may also obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 from overseas.

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