

## **.S. CITIZEN SERVICES**

### **U.S. Embassy – Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire**

#### **Warden Message – U.S. Embassy Services**

#### **Delay in Announcement of Election Results (December 2, 2010)**

Following the second round of the presidential elections on November 28, 2010, the U.S. Embassy in Abidjan is carefully monitoring the security climate in Cote d’Ivoire. Due to mounting tension related to the delay in the announcement of election results, U.S. citizens are advised of the increasing possibility of spontaneous demonstrations, protests, and eruptions of violence in the days ahead.

The U.S. Embassy recommends that U.S. citizens in Cote d’Ivoire continue to limit non-essential movements, review your personal security situation, ensure sufficient provisions for your family, or move to a safe haven if you fear for your personal safety. The Embassy will send reports whenever possible via SMS messaging of large demonstrations to all U.S. citizens who provide cell phone information to the Embassy’s Consular Section. These messages will also be posted to the Embassy website. You should check your email frequently for Embassy security messages, remain current on media coverage of local events, be aware of your surroundings at all times, and exercise extreme caution.

Please read the State Department’s most recent Travel Warning for Cote d’Ivoire published October 20, 2010, at: [http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/tw/tw\\_915.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_915.html)

You can stay in touch, and ensure that your contact and personal information is up-to-date, by enrolling in the Smart Travelers Enrollment Program (STEP). Get Embassy updates by checking the Consular pages on the U.S. Embassy Abidjan website at <http://abidjan.usembassy.gov/travelregist.html>. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates--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.

If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, you are encouraged to contact the consular section at the Embassy by sending an email message to [Abjamcit@state.gov](mailto:Abjamcit@state.gov). In emergencies and for urgent security matters, you can call the Embassy switchboard at 225-22-49-40-00; the emergency after-hours telephone is: +225-22-49-44-50.

The U.S. Embassy is located in the Riviera Golf neighborhood of the Cocody section of Abidjan, east of the downtown area. The Embassy's postal address is 01 B.P. 1712 Abidjan 01.