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1. Obama UN Speech to Address Extreme Poverty

President Obama will talk about eradicating extreme global poverty when he addresses a high-level meeting of world leaders during the opening of the 65th U.N. General Assembly in New York, a senior U.S. diplomat says. ...

2. Obama Calls for Unity Ahead of September 11 Anniversary

As Americans prepare to mark the ninth anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks, President Obama says the occasion is an excellent time for Americans to reflect that the violent extremists who carried out the attacks do not represent the vast majority of Muslims. ...

3. Message by President Obama on the Occasion of Eid ul-Fitr

President Obama extends best wishes to Muslims in the United States and around the world on the occasion of Eid ul-Fitr. "This year's Eid is also an occasion to reflect on the importance of religious tolerance," he says. ...

4. Hillary Clinton Greetes Winners of 2010 Democracy Video...

When Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton meets with the winners of the 2010 Democracy Video Challenge on September 10, she hails the six filmmakers for "using technology to make their voices heard" and also for "giving voice to thousands of others" in celebration of democracy. ...

5. Senate Panel Approves Nuclear Arms Control Treaty

A Senate panel approves a landmark nuclear arms control treaty that would reduce U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals to their lowest levels in more than 50 years. The New START now goes to the full Senate for consideration, but a vote is not expected before mid-term elections November 2. ...

6. A Celebration of Hispanic-American Heritage

Hispanic Heritage Month honors the diverse people of Spanish-speaking backgrounds in the United States. From September 15 to October 15, a multitude of special programs, events, exhibits and websites celebrate the heritage, culture, spirit and extraordinary contributions of Hispanic Americans. ...

In case you missed it:

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PAO Angela Aggeler joins the lead panel at the successful conclusion of a Democracy Commission grant awarded to the NGO PORAKA.

[Successful Conclusion of Democracy Commission Grant](#)

September 14, 2010

PAO Angela Aggeler joined the head of the Non-Governmental Organization PORAKA, Dr. Vasilka Dimovska, the mayor of Vinica and representatives from Ohrid and Kumanovo to mark the successful conclusion of a Democracy Commission grant awarded to PORAKA (translated as "Message"). The project was aimed at helping the three municipalities to create special Action Plans for providing better access to public and private institutions for persons with disabilities. As result of PORAKA's efforts, Vinica, Kumanovo and Ohrid have adopted individualized plans which they are now working to implement which will dramatically enhance access for all members of their communities. In light of their successes, the Municipality of Radovish has contacted PORAKA to begin a second round of Action Plan development there.

PAO Aggeler praised the efforts of PORAKA and its Municipal partners and emphasized the important role that NGO's can play in society. "It is said that a society is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable citizens," Ms. Aggeler said. "Today, you can say – through the difficult and important work of this critical project – that as a society you care for those among your most vulnerable members."

◇ **To see the complete remarks, please [click here](#).**



A collection of images including a map of North America, the United States capitol building, a group of Korean students in front of the Chicago skyline, and a single Korean student gazing at engravings on the Lincoln memorial.

[CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTES, FY-2011](#)

Institute Description: Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) are intensive post-graduate level academic programs with integrated study tours whose purpose is to provide foreign university faculty and other scholars with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of American society, culture and institutions. These Institutes host multinational groups of university faculty or secondary school educators. Each Institute is thematically focused on a field or topic of U.S. studies. Participants interact with American scholars, meet with experts in their disciplines, visit civic institutions, and explore the diversity and culture of the United States. ...[more](#).

Application deadline: October 31, 2010.



*President Barack Obama,
(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)*

President Obama's September 8 Independence Day message

September 8, 2010

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the United States of America, I congratulate you and the citizens of the Republic of Macedonia on the occasion of your nation's independence day.

Macedonia is a valued partner of the United States, and we appreciate Macedonia's contributions to global security. We support Macedonia as it continues on its path of reform and moves towards integration into euro-atlantic institutions. As we continue our cooperation to promote tolerance, peace, and prosperity and to advance human dignity, I believe that our partnership will further strengthen and deepen.

On this September 8, I offer my congratulations and express my high hope for continued friendship and cooperation between our two countries.

Sincerely,

Barack Obama



Sec. of State Hillary Clinton

STATEMENT BY SECRETARY CLINTON: Macedonia's National Day

September 8, 2010

On behalf of President Obama and the people of the United States, I congratulate the people of Macedonia as you celebrate your Independence Day on September 8.

On this occasion, we reaffirm the bonds between our countries and look forward to deepening our partnership in the years to come. The United States is committed to promoting Macedonia's membership in NATO and the European Union, and we will continue to help strengthen Macedonia's multiethnic and democratic institutions in cooperation with your leaders and civil society.

I wish the people of Macedonia a safe and happy holiday. We celebrate all you have achieved in the 19 years since your independence as we work together toward a democratic, secure, and prosperous future for all our people.



Ambassador Reeker and PAO/Angela Aggeler with the YES program scholars and their parents. (LP) / video

[High School Students from Macedonia say YES to a year in the USA](#)

On Thursday, August 12, Public Affairs Officer Angela Aggeler hosted a large reception for high school students from Macedonia about to depart for the United States for a year-long high school exchange program. The program is called YES – the Youth Exchange and Study program – and is supported directly by the U.S. State Department. YES was established to provide scholarships for high school students to spend an academic year in the United States. Students live with host families, attend high school, engage in activities to

learn about American society and values - and help educate Americans about their countries and cultures.

◇ To see a short Embassy video product about this event, please visit our Embassy  video channel.

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