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EMBASSY CLOSURES

The Embassy will be closed **Monday, September 6th** for Labor Day and **Tuesday, September 7th** for Lusaka Agreement Day.

In the event of an emergency involving a U.S. citizen, please contact the Consular Section immediately at 21 49 2797 x3439 or 21 49 0723 during non business hours. Please remember that in case of an emergency, no matter what day or time, there is always someone available to assist you.



AUGUST TOWN HALL MEETING NAMPULA

A special thank you goes out to the wardens and participants of the Town Hall meeting held on August 19th in Nampula. Ambassador Rowe was very pleased to meet with the American community and appreciates all the support and good attendance.

REMINDER TO ALL REGISTRANTS

Please remember to update your Embassy registration whenever you move, leave country or change your phone number or e-mail address. Log on to <http://travel.state.gov> for any corrections.

MOZAMBIQUE RESIDENCY AND TOURIST VISA PRICE CHANGE

Please be aware of the price increases to the Mozambican tourist and residency visas. The change occurred on July 6, and applies to both first time applicants and renewals.

Tourist visas have risen from \$25 to \$82 and now take a full passport page with a photo of the bearer. Temporary residence permits have increased from 2,000 Meticais to around 24,000 Meticais. Permanent Residency cards DIRE's have also been risen from 2,000 Meticais to around 30,000 Meticais.

Existing visa and DIRE holders will not be charged retroactively. The U.S. Embassy only received announcement from Mozambique customs and immigration weeks after the increases.

Military and Overseas Voters, Submit your Ballot Request for the General Election!

All States, Three Territories and the District of Columbia will hold General Elections on November 2, 2010. Puerto Rico will not be holding an election this cycle.

Register and Request Your Ballot Now!

All members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, their family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who have not registered or requested an absentee ballot this year, should do so as soon as possible. To register or request an absentee ballot use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

It's quick and easy. Go to www.fvap.gov and get started! Follow the prompts to register and request an absentee ballot for the November 2, 2010 election. Some States allow submitting the FPCA by email or fax in addition to regular mail. The instructions will tell you how to fax or email the form. FVAP recommends you use these options. If you don't have access to the internet to fill out the FPCA online, get a copy from your military Unit or Installation Voting Assistance Officer, or from your nearest US Embassy or Consulate. Send your **FPCA** to your election office **NOW** to ensure you have enough time to receive, vote, and return the ballot!

Additional information

For more information, visit FVAP at: www.fvap.gov.

We want your feedback! If you'd like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process, please contact FVAP at www.fvap.gov, 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584,

or at vote@fvap.gov. Toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries are listed at:

www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html. With your feedback, we can make this even more helpful for the next election.

Election Alert for Immediate Release Telephone: 703-588-1584

E-mail: vote@fvap.gov



Maryland's New Absentee Ballot Policy

The state of Maryland has implemented a new policy to speed up the delivery of absentee ballots to voters. The new policy reaches out to overseas voters. If you are already registered to vote in Maryland you can now request to have a blank ballot delivered to you through the Internet.

Click here to register to vote and/or request your ballot.
(Link: <http://www.capc.umd.edu/aca/index.html>)

If you ask to receive your absentee ballot by email, your ballot will be posted to a website Maryland has developed for delivering absentee ballots. When the ballot is ready, you will receive an email with the link to the website and instructions on how to access your ballot. You will need a printer so you can print your ballot, which must be submitted by regular mail.

Ballots must be returned by **Election Day** by regular mail.

Maryland will hold a State Primary Election on **Tuesday, 14 September 2010** to choose the candidates for all 8 Congressional districts. There is one Senate race in Maryland in 2010. The General Election for these offices will be held on **Tuesday, 2 November 2010**.