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Security Message for U.S. Citizens Demonstration - Maputo

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This Security Message alerts U.S. citizens in Mozambique that an authorized “Peaceful March” is scheduled for tomorrow Saturday, March 9, at around 8:30 a.m. in protest of the physical dragging and eventual death of the Mozambican taxi driver that took place in South Africa. The participants will gather at the Eduardo Mondlane Statue (at the Avenida Eduardo Mondlane and Avenida da Tanzania intersection), and they will walk to the South African High Commission (at the Avenida Eduardo Mondlane and Julius Nyerere intersection).

Public transport vehicles (“chapas”) may not follow their normal routes or may not run at all. Disruptions to cell phone service could occur, and as always, there is the potential for things to quickly spiral into violence, with protesters improvising roadblocks and throwing rocks at passing vehicles.

Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Mozambique from time to time in response to world events or local developments. We remind you that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. You should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

You can get Embassy updates by checking the website of the [U.S. Embassy in Maputo](#). 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](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler App, available through [iTunes](#) and the [Android](#) marketplace, to have travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States, or for callers from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Mozambique, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program- STEP](#). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your

information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy is located in Maputo at 193 Avenida Kenneth Kaunda, telephone (258) 21 49 2797. Non-emergency U.S. Citizens Services are offered via the online appointment system.

The after-hours telephone numbers for use in emergencies are (258) 21 49 0723 and 21 49 2797. The Consular Section's e-mail address is consularmaputo@state.gov. The Embassy's web site is <http://maputo.usembassy.gov/>.