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NOTICE

Earthquake Strikes Washington, DC Metropolitan Area

On the afternoon of August 23, 2011, a 5.9 magnitude earthquake shook the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area. The earthquake epicenter was near Mineral, Virginia approximately 90 miles southwest of Washington, D.C.

Foreign missions are encouraged to immediately contact emergency responders using 911 in the event of severe damages or physical injuries at its facilities and residences.

Further, as a result of the earthquake, such missions should also notify the Department of State's Protective Liaison Division by telephone at (202) 566-8434 if any of its facilities or residences suffered damages that are suspected of compromising the security of its buildings.

Foreign missions are required to contact the Office of Foreign Missions ("OFM") in the event they experienced damages that require permanent or temporary relocations. Foreign missions can contact OFM for this purpose by telephone at (202) 895-3500 x 5 or by electronic mail at OFMProperty@state.gov.