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NOTICE

Bank Fraud Warning

The Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) wishes to warn the foreign mission community of an increase in fraud perpetrated against foreign mission bank accounts.

OFM is aware of increased incidences of fraud perpetrated against foreign mission accounts, including Embassies, Consulates, and Permanent Missions. The Department strongly advises foreign missions to protect their bank accounts with all available fraud protection tools specifically offered by their respective bank. Foreign missions should contact their respective banks and ensure that all fraud protection features are in place in order to lessen the chance of monetary loss due to fraud.

Foreign missions are requested to contact their bank, Diplomatic Security, and OFM should they notice fraudulent activity in their bank accounts. All banking correspondence may be directed to OFMAccounts@state.gov. Correspondence from OFM, including diplomatic notes and letters, will primarily be delivered via email only. OFM will utilize the email accounts of registered eGov account holders to distribute such correspondence. Hard copies may be provided in limited situations.

As a reminder, foreign missions may also deliver correspondence via email to OFMCorrespondence@state.gov.