



## **Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Maputo (Mozambique): Anticipated Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Peace Agreement (September 15)**

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A celebration to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the "Acordo Geral de Paz" is potentially scheduled for this Saturday, September 15, 2012, with a tentative start time around 9:00 a.m.

There are two possible rally points and routes that the celebratory march might follow.

The original route was planned for: (See Map 1 below)

1. Starting Point: Praça dos Herois (near the airport)
2. Celebration Route: Avenida Acordos De Lusaka toward the Praça da Paz (Shoprite)
3. Ending Point: Praça da Paz

The second possible route is as follows:

1. Starting Point: Eduardo Mondlane Statue
2. Celebration Route:
  - a. Avenida Eduardo Mondlane
  - b. Right to Avenida Guerra Popular
  - c. Right to Avenida Marien Ngouabi
3. Ending Point: Estrela Vermelha Pavilhão on the right near Mercado Janete

All U.S. citizens are reminded to maintain a high level of security awareness at all times.

Marches, protests, and demonstrations can be unpredictable in time, place, and intensity and even events intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. If this event does materialize, some public transport vehicles ("chapas") may not follow their normal routes or may not run at all. Normal routes to the airport may be blocked or impeded. A disruption to cell phone service is also likely to occur. U.S. citizens are urged to avoid rallying points and routes and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any large gathering.



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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.

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