FOR AF/EX AND SOMALIA TASK FORCE

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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR PERSONNEL TRAVELLING TO MOGADISHU

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO MOGADISHU:

ITINERARY: CURRENTLY, ALL PERSONNEL TRAVELLING TO MOGADISHU ARRIVE VIA MILITARY TRANSPORT OR CHARTER AIRCRAFT FROM NAIROBI OR MOMBASA. PERSONNEL DESTINED FOR MOGADISHU SHOULD CHECK WITH THE ADMIN OFFICE AT EMBASSY NAIROBI OR OPERATION PROVIDE RELIEF JOINT TASK FORCE (JTF) HEADQUARTERS IN MOMBASA TO ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION TO MOGADISHU. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR EMBASSY NAIROBI IS 254-2-334141, AND THE NUMBER FOR JTF HEADQUARTERS IS UNCLASSIFIED.

254-11-433894. PERSONNEL MUST NOT RPT NOT TRAVEL TO MOGADISHU PRIOR TO NOTIFYING USLO MOGADISHU AND RECEIVING POST APPROVAL TO PROCEED.

SECURITY: A SECURITY BRIEFING WILL BE PROVIDED UPON ARRIVAL. CURRENTLY PERSONNEL ARE ACCOMPANIED BY LOCAL GUARDS WHEN OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND AND USLO STAFF OBSERVE A DUSK TO DAWN CURFEW.

HEALTH: MOGADISHU IS A MALARIOUS AREA. TRAVELLERS SHOULD BEGIN TAKING MALARIA SUPPRESSANTS IN ADVANCE OF
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TRAVEL. IN ADDITION, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT TRAVELLERS OBTAIN APPROPRIATE VACCINATIONS PRIOR TO TRAVEL. VACCINATIONS ARE DIFFICULT AND TIME-CONSUMING TO ARRANGE AFTER ARRIVAL.

LIVING/WORKING CONDITIONS: LIVING AND WORKING SPACE IS EXTREMELY CONSTRUCTED. EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY ARE LIVING AND WORKING IN TWO VILLAS ON A COMPOUND LEASED FROM THE CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY (CONOCO). UPON ARRIVAL, EMPLOYEES ARE PROVIDED WITH A COT, SHEETS, PILLOW AND BLANKET AND ASSIGNED TO A DORMITORY STYLE ROOM. LAUNDRY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE. MEALS ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE, ALTHOUGH POST IS IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE PAY AS YOU GO FOOD SERVICE. THEREFORE, EMPLOYEES SHOULD BRING A SUPPLY OF U.S. DOLLARS FOR MEALS.

WHAT TO BRING TO POST: VERY LITTLE IS AVAILABLE LOCALLY. EMPLOYEES SHOULD LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF LUGGAGE BROUGHT TO POST, BUT SHOULD BE SURE TO INCLUDE A GOOD SUPPLY OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOWING:

ALL PERSONAL TOILETRY ITEMS
MEDICATIONS, INCLUDING MALARIA SUPPRESSANTS
INSECT REPELLENT
SUMMER WEIGHT WORK CLOTHING--MOGADISHU IS HOT AND HUMID
SENSIBLE SHOES
SUN GLASSES
HAT

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