

7 FAM 030

GOOD OFFICES AND DEMARCHES

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7 FAM 031 SUMMARY

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We use persuasion and our influence as representatives of the United States of America in the protection of U.S. citizens/nationals and furtherance of U.S. interests. This subchapter provides a brief explanation of some of the methods available to you, and directs you to Department of State guidance on the use of good offices, demarches, diplomatic notes, and other communications with foreign governments.

7 FAM 032 DIPLOMATIC TERMS

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See 5 FAH-1 Exhibit H-611 for a list of diplomatic terms.

7 FAM 033 GOOD OFFICES

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Representation by consular officers to foreign governments on behalf of U.S. citizens usually proceeds initially through the use of “good offices.” The term “good offices” refers to informal, unofficial advocacy of interests through personal contacts and the friendly efforts of a consular officer. The contacts we collectively develop over the years to assist citizens are invaluable since these are the people to whom we address our “good offices.”

7 FAM 034 DEMARCHES

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A demarche is a formal diplomatic representation of one government’s official position, views, or wishes on a given subject to an appropriate official in another government or international organization. Demarches generally seek to persuade, inform, or gather information from a foreign government.

Governments may also use a demarche to protest or object to actions by a foreign government. See 5 FAH-1 H-613.

7 FAM 035 DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON PREPARATION OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES

(CT:CON-106; 06-06-2005)

The Department of State's Ready Reference Guide on Correspondence and Records, available on the Executive Secretariat InfoLink page provides guidance in the preparation of diplomatic notes. Examples of demarches prepared on behalf of U.S. citizens abroad are available in the CA/OCS Intranet Reference Library. 5 FAH-1 H-600 provides further guidance on the use of diplomatic notes.

7 FAM 036 CORRESPONDENCING WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

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See 5 FAH-1 H-1010 Corresponding With Foreign Governments.

7 FAM 037 THROUGH 039 UNASSIGNED