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### Press release

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#### **U.S. Delegation Visits the Kyrgyz Republic**

Ambassador George Krol, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, led a U.S. delegation that visited Kyrgyzstan October 26 – 28, 2009. During the visit, the delegation met with Prime Minister Usenov, Foreign Minister Sarbayev and Head of the Presidential Secretariat Malevanaya and discussed a range of bilateral issues, including, promoting rule of law, promoting good governance, strengthening the economic partnership between the U.S. and Kyrgyzstan, and ongoing cooperation and assistance in regional security. The delegation also traveled to the south of the country, including to Osh, Dostyk, Khorshob, and Uzgen, where they visited U.S.-funded development assistance projects and a border post that was renovated with U.S. assistance. In both Bishkek and Osh, the delegation met with representatives of civil society and political parties. The visit confirms the deepening of the bilateral dialogue between the U.S. and Kyrgyzstan on a broad array of issues.

Other members of the delegation included: Kurt Donnelly, Director for Central Asian Affairs at the National Security Council; Daniel Rosenblum, Coordinator for Assistance at the Department of State, and Andrew Sisson, USAID Mission Director for Central Asia.

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