The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Offices to the United Nations and has the honor to inform the Permanent Mission and Permanent Observer Offices of the necessity to submit applications for visas for the 73rd United Nations General Assembly, at the very earliest opportunity.

The United States Mission and United States Embassies and Consulates abroad are mindful of the obligation under the United Nations Headquarters Agreement to provide visas for representatives of members to the United Nations as promptly as possible. In accordance with the provisions of the Headquarters Agreement, visas have generally been provided within 15 working days of the date of application. Current security circumstances, however, are such that additional time will be required for the processing of visas.

The United States will make every effort to ensure that there is no undue delay in the processing of visas for representatives of members to attend the 73rd United Nations General Assembly or other official United Nations meetings or conferences. However, in order to preclude delayed entry into the United States, Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer
Offices are asked to cooperate fully with the request to submit applications at the very earliest opportunity and to allow more time than in the past for the visa to be adjudicated.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Offices to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.