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PRESS RELEASE

**U.S. NONIMMIGRANT AND IMMIGRANT VISA FEES
TO INCREASE ON JANUARY 1, 2008**

Effective January 1, 2008, the application fee for a U.S. nonimmigrant visa (NIV) will increase from US\$100 to US\$131. In addition, fees for U.S. immigrant visas (IV) will increase from US\$335 to US\$355 on that same date.

NONIMMIGRANT VISA FEE INCREASE

Applicants who paid the prior \$100 NIV application fee before January 1, 2008 will be processed at the \$100 rate only if they are scheduled and appear for a visa interview before January 31, 2008.

Applicants who paid the prior \$100 application fee but will appear for a visa interview after January 31, 2008 must pay the difference of \$31 before being interviewed. In Senegal, visa processing fees are accepted at certain Ecobank locations. These Ecobank branches have been authorized to accept a \$31 “make-up” payment for applicants who have already paid a \$100 NIV fee but are scheduled for an interview after January 31. A list of these Ecobank locations is listed on the U.S. Embassy Dakar website at http://dakar.usembassy.gov/non-immigrant_visas.html.

IMMIGRANT VISA FEE INCREASE

The U.S. immigrant visa (IV) application processing fee will also increase from \$335 to \$355, effective on January 1, 2008. For immigrant visas, however, applicants who have paid the current fee prior to January 1, 2008 will not be required to make up the difference even if their application is actually processed after January 1, 2008. The Diversity Visa (DV) Lottery surcharge will remain the same.

BACKGROUND

These fee increases allow the U.S. Department of State to recover the costs of security and other enhancements to its non-immigrant and immigrant visa application processes. New security-related measures have caused the cost of providing NIVs and IVs to rise significantly. The fees for U.S. consular services are based on the actual costs of providing services to individuals. These costs have risen since the visa application fee was last increased, in 2002.

Additional information on both U.S. nonimmigrant and immigrant visas is available on the U.S. Embassy Dakar website at <http://dakar.usembassy.gov> or by purchasing a calling card and contacting the U.S. Visa Information Service in Senegal at 33-869-6300. Please do not call the U.S. Embassy directly.

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