History and Purpose

OFM was established in 1982 from the Foreign Missions Act.

OFM is responsible for implementing the Secretary’s mandate under the Foreign Missions Act (FMA) to facilitate secure and efficient operations of U.S. missions abroad, and of foreign missions and international organizations in the United States.
## Our Mission: Four Main Objectives

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<td>• Employing reciprocity to ensure equitable treatment for U.S. diplomatic and consular missions abroad</td>
<td>• Regulating the activities of U.S.-based foreign missions in a manner that protects U.S. foreign policy and national security interests</td>
<td>• Protecting the U.S. public from abuses of privileges and immunities by members of foreign missions</td>
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Foreign Mission Presence in U.S.? 

The United States currently hosts more than 2,600 foreign missions, collectively comprised of more than 122,000 members. Of that total, more than 62,000 are entitled to some level of diplomatic or consular immunities.
OFM Structure

- Washington, DC, HQ
- 6 regional offices:
  - Los Angeles
  - San Francisco
  - Miami
  - New York
  - Chicago
  - Houston
OFM Interaction with States and Local Authority

Subnational diplomacy

Travel Control

Election
Diplomatic Immunity

Immunity does not mean pardon, total exoneration, or release from complying with the law.

Receiving state may protect its interests.

Regardless of immunity, citations/summonses can be issued to offenders...especially for traffic violations!

Diplomatic mechanisms exist for handling incidents when immunity prevents arrest and / or prosecution.

Concept of reciprocity.
Diplomatic and Consular Identification Cards

**United States Department of State**

**Diplomatic Identification Card**
- Mission: Curipania Embassy
- Name: Diplomat, Amanda
- Date of Birth: 01/01/2002
- Title: Ambassador E. P.
- Location: Washington, DC

**Consular Identification Card**
- Mission: Curipania Consulate
- Name: Diplomat, Amanda
- Date of Birth: 01/01/2002
- Title: Consul
- Location: Los Angeles, CA

**Official Identification Card**
- Mission: Curipania Embassy
- Name: Diplomat, Amanda
- Date of Birth: 01/01/2002
- Title: Driver
- Location: Washington, DC

**American Institute in Taiwan**

**Official Identification Card**
- Office: Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO)
- Name: Embassy, Emily
- Date of Birth: 01/01/2002
- Title: Deputy Head
- Location: Washington, DC

**Sensitive but Unclassified**

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Diplomatic and Consular License Plates
For more information

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Thank you.
Questions?