



## *The Society of Foreign Consuls in New York*

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NEW YORK, (October 17, 2006) – In her first official duty as President of the Society of Foreign Consuls, Monaco's Consul General, Hon. Maguy Maccario-Doyle tonight graciously accepted a Proclamation from Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in honor of 2006's Consular Day in New York.

In accepting the Proclamation on behalf of the 105 NYC-based Consulates, Mrs. Maccario-Doyle said that as a Consul General in the "Capital of the World", one is often challenged, never bored, constantly surprised and always inspired by the energy, creativity and achievements of the eight million citizens of the world who flock to New York City and Manhattan, a place into which her own entire country would neatly fit.

"As our Government's representatives, we are privileged to serve the finest, brightest minds of not only our own country men and women, but also those of our hosts here in the United States. And despite our many cultural, political and social diversities and our often differing opinions and ideals, we all strive to achieve excellence in our own fields," she said and thanked Mayor Bloomberg for his administration's support of the Consular community and "for helping to foster such a wonderful environment in which all voices can be heard."

Consul General Maccario-Doyle also acknowledged the Mayor's contribution to the recent refurbishment of Gracie Mansion, the venue for this reception which was attended by 150 dignitaries from New York City's consular community, diplomatic missions and various New York City governmental agencies including the NY Police and Fire Departments.

Consul General Maccario-Doyle was unanimously elected as President at this year's Annual General Meeting to succeed Hon. Jessica C. Odle J.P., Consul General of Barbados. As the Society's Vice President and Regional representative for Europe since 1998, Consul General Maccario-Doyle also served as the Society's Gala Chair in 2000 when \$450,000+ was raised to benefit *St. Jude Children's Research Hospital* and *Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp*. In 2005 she chaired the Event Committee for the Society's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala.

Since its founding in 1925, the Society of Foreign Consuls in New York has represented the world's largest diplomatic community. This unique organization, whose members are gathered from the 105 NYC-based Consulates General, is steered by an Executive Committee representing Europe, Africa, West & South Asia, North & South America, the Caribbean & Central America and South East Asia & Western Pacific.

The Society works to safeguard the interests and rights of its members; strives to promote good relations between the NYC Consular Corps and hosts, New York City and the USA; arranges forums and briefings with local, state and federal authorities and regular charitable and social events for members and guests. The Society holds fundraising events and has a long and proud philanthropic record.

The 2006-2007 Executive Committee comprises the following members:

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Hon. Maguy Maccario-Doyle, Consul General of Monaco

**Treasurer:**

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Africa

Hon. Julia Machado, Consul General of Angola

*Alternate: Hon. Fikile S. Magubane, Consul General of South Africa*

**Secretary:**

Mrs. Elle Berdy - Consulate General of Monaco

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*Photographs to accompany.*