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**To His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs**

**Object:** Written Question

**We ask for the opening of a General Consulate in New York for many reasons:**

1. The Algerian population or those who live in the United States has increased at a rate of 500%, the number of the population is now more than 20 thousand Algerians living in the US, of which 12 thousand are registered in the Algerian Embassy at Washington.
2. New York is a very important economic city and the number of the community is very big, therefore, the opening of an embassy in New York will help to cover the following parts: New York, New Jersey, Boston, Connecticut, Chicago, Pennsylvania etc..
3. To relieve the embassy of Washington of the weight of meeting all the requests from the entire Algerians community scattered throughout the United States.
4. The opening of a consulate in New York will also contribute to develop the Algerian/American relations in the economic, political, cultural and tourist fields.
5. The existence of a building belonging to the Algerian property not used for many years (located in the best strategic area in New York) could ease to achieve the project.
6. There are several African and European States and other regions which have General Embassies in New York, which have enabled to strengthen their economic, political and academic relations.
7. The opening of a General Embassy in New York will contribute to the emergence of Algeria and to impose its existence on the US academic chart, it is the question raised by many US universities.
8. The United States welcome about 1000 Algerians yearly as immigrants by means of the lottery. Such high number of Algerians need to be oriented by the Algerian embassy to be able to find accommodation, job and learn the various US administration policies; but the small consulate in Washington may not meet all the requirements of the new immigrants.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the expression of my deep esteem.

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