



# AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN BULGARIA

## **Joint Training Facilities**

Bulgaria and the United States are both members of NATO, which forms the basis of our strategic alliance. On April 28, 2006, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Bulgarian Foreign Minister Kalfin signed a Defense Cooperation Agreement, which refers to the conditions of the shared use of several military facilities on Bulgarian territory. The Agreement is based on our understanding that Bulgaria and the United States are allies, that security, defense and the fight against terror are joint work, based on the goals and principles of the UN and on our shared values. The U.S. has also signed a similar agreement with Romania and the military units deployed to both Bulgaria and Romania will be known as **Joint Task Force East**. Georgi Parvanov, the President of Bulgaria, called the agreement “a strategic investment in the future of Bulgaria.”

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