

## Celebrating Democracy and a Historic Election November 4, 2008

Praia – U.S. Ambassador Marianne Myles and Embassy Praia staff hosted the election night cocktail party themed “Celebrating Democracy”. The program integrated a number of election activities including a mock election, information on the U.S. electoral system and live CNN coverage of the election. Ambassador Myles' remarks accentuated the importance of voters' participation in the historic election, referring to it as an example of democracy at its best. Over 300 distinguished guests, including the President of the National Assembly, political leaders, jurists, members of the media and NGO representatives were in attendance. Guests especially enjoyed the opportunity for a photo-op with their favorite candidate and participating in the mock election, the results of which echoed the official election results.



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'John McCain', 'Sara Palin' and 'President Obama' cast votes.