United States Mission to the United Nations

New York, New York



The challenge was to design an iconic tower that would transcend strict programmatic and technical constraints, and become a compelling and representative landmark for architecture and democracy.

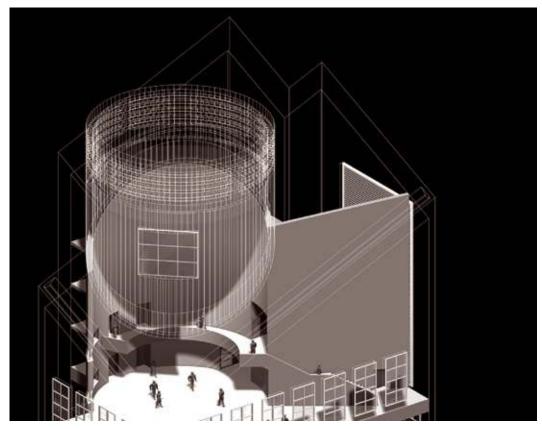
The tower refers abstractly to skyscraper precedents of base, middle, top, while presenting a composite, layered and interlocking composition of forms and materials, vertically and horizontally.

It presents a pedestrian scale, a place scale and a city scale that attempts to be both memorable and inspiring. The site is located opposite the United Nations General Assembly Building on First Avenue and 45th Street in New York City.

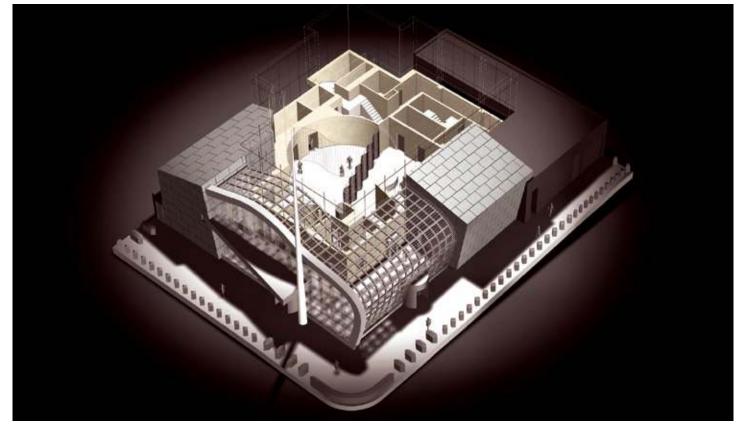
The building provides office, meeting and reception spaces for the U.S. Mission, the United States Information Agency, and the Office of Foreign Missions within a 22-story structure which is designed in response to stringent blast and security criteria.

Special facilities for press conferences and reception functions are provided in the base and at the top of the building.

1 East view of tower across from United Nations complex



Reception floor axonometric





View from Northeast

View from Southeast

Key Project Information

- Twenty two-story office tower
- Building provides office, conference and reception space
- Agencies occupying the building include the U.S. Mission, U.S. Information Agency, Office of Foreign Missions and the Visitor Delegation
- Structure meets stringent blast criteria
- Reception and press conference facilities located at top and bottom of building
- scheduled completion 2010
- gsf 143,000



Top reception floor rendering



First level reception floor rendering



Aerial view of current construction progress