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Dear Students,

On September 24, 2017, the White House released a Presidential Proclamation outlining enhanced vetting processes for travelers to the U.S. The failure of certain governments to meet the minimum requirements for implementing these processes will affect travel to the U.S. for citizens of the following countries: Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen.

The proclamation will go into effect at 12:01AM (Eastern Standard Time) on October 18, 2017 for citizens of the countries listed above who are physically outside of the U.S. and do not already hold a valid U.S. visa or green card, but have a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the U.S. The proclamation is already in effect for people who were subject to entry restrictions from the Executive Order issued on January 27, 2017 and who lack a credible claim of a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the U.S.

- **Chad** - the entry of immigrants and B-1 business visitors, B-2 tourists and B-1/B-2 non-immigrants is suspended.

- **Iran** - the entry of immigrants and all non-immigrants is suspended (except F, M and J visa holders).

- **Libya** - the entry of immigrants and B-1 business visitors, B-2 tourists and B-1/B-2 non-immigrants is suspended.

- **North Korea** - the entry of all immigrants and non-immigrants is suspended.

- **Somalia** - the entry of immigrants is suspended. The entry of non-immigrants is subject to additional scrutiny.

- **Syria** - the entry of all immigrants and non-immigrants is suspended.

- **Venezuela** - the entry of certain Venezuelan government officials and their immediate family members as nonimmigrants on business (B-1), tourist (B-2), and business/tourist (B-1/B-2) visas is suspended.

- **Yemen** - the entry of immigrants and B-1 business visitors, B-2 tourists and B-1/B-2 non-immigrants is suspended.
Exceptions: The suspension of entry does not apply to any travelers who have already been issued a valid U.S. visa, have already been admitted or paroled to the U.S., lawful permanent residents of the U.S., dual nationals of a country (included in the list) when the individual is traveling on a passport issued by a non-designated country, travelers holding a diplomatic-type visa, or individuals who have been granted asylum/refugee status/withholding of removal from the U.S. Additional information regarding the proclamation can be found on the Fact Sheet and FAQ.

The Dashew Center strongly recommends that individuals from the eight designated countries consult our office before leaving the U.S. If you are currently within the U.S. in F-1 or J-1 visa status, we recommend that you refrain from traveling outside the U.S. until further updates have been received from U.S. Department of Homeland Security which clarify the situation. If you are currently outside of the U.S., but hold a valid U.S. F-1 or J-1 visa, we recommend that you enter/return to the U.S. as soon as possible.

The Dashew Center would also like to remind you of campus resources if you are feeling distressed or would like to support others who may be distressed or of concern:

- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) provides confidential urgent crisis counseling, individual and group psychotherapy, psychiatry care, and clinical coordination and referrals when needed for all registered students. CAPS is located on the 2nd floor of Wooden Center West and may be reached anytime (24/7) at (310) 825-0768 or visit their website: www.counseling.ucla.edu.
- International Student Support Program (ISSP) aims to help you succeed at UCLA by providing resources and advice, especially during times of stress, adjustment, or change. You can access articles, tools, resources, and a support advisor 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call, chat, or browse for resources and advice on their website: us.myissp.com, by phone (866) 743-7732 or on their mobile app: ‘My SSP’ (available for free download from the Apple or Android app store).

The Dashew Center will continue to notify you of any relevant changes in federal immigration regulations and policies through Dashew Center listserv emails. As always, should you need any clarification regarding travel, employment, study, or stay in the U.S., please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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