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The Secretary presents his compliments to their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and wishes to bring to their attention additional measures aimed at further combating the spread of COVID-19.

On January 25, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr., signed the *Proclamation on the Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Non-immigrants of Certain Additional Persons who Pose a Risk of Transmitting Coronavirus Disease* after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reexamined its policies on international travel and – after reviewing the public health situations within the Schengen Area, the United Kingdom (excluding overseas territories outside of Europe), the Republic of Ireland, the Federative Republic of Brazil, and the republic of South Africa – has concluded that continued and further measures are required to protect the public health from travelers entering the United States from those jurisdictions. This proclamation can be found at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/25/proclamation-on-the-suspension-of-entry-as-immigrants-and-non-immigrants-of-certain-additional-persons-who-pose-a-risk-of-transmitting-coronavirus-disease/>.

The entry into the United States, as immigrants or non-immigrants, of non-citizens who were physically present within the Schengen area, the United Kingdom (excluding overseas territories outside of Europe), the Republic of Ireland, and the Federative Republic of Brazil during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States is suspended and limited subject to section 2 of the proclamation. This section of the proclamation went into effect at 12:01am eastern standard time on January 26, 2021.

The entry into the United States, as immigrants or non-immigrants, of non-citizens who were physically present within the Republic of South Africa during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States, is hereby suspended and limited to section 2 of the proclamation. This section of the proclamation will go into effect at 12:01am eastern standard time on January 30, 2021.

This Proclamation exempts certain groups from the suspension of entry. Notably, the entry suspension is *not* applicable to individuals seeking entry into or who are transiting the United States on A-1, A-2, C-2, C-3 (as a foreign government official or immediate family member of an official), E-1 (as an employee of TECRO or TECO or the employee's immediate family members), G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, NATO-1 through NATO-4, or NATO-6 (or seeking to enter as a

nonimmigrant in one of those NATO categories) visas, or those whose travel falls within the scope of section 11 of the United Nations Headquarters Agreement.

Proclamation 9984 and 9992, *Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus and Other Appropriate Measures to Address This Risk*, issued on January 31, 2020, and *Proclamation on Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons who Pose a Risk of Transmitting Coronavirus*, issued February 29, 2020, are still in effect.

Inquiries concerning this and other matters related to COVID-19 may continue to be transmitted by electronic mail to OFM-EmergencyMGT@state.gov. Past circular diplomatic notes and notices released by the Office of Foreign Missions related to COVID-19 may be found at <https://www.state.gov/office-of-foreign-missions-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-information-and-resources/>.

Department of State,

Washington, January 27, 2021.

