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The Secretary presents his compliments to their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and reminds them of the commitment of the United States of America to the promotion of respect for and protection of human rights.

In that light, the Department calls the attention of all Missions to its heightened concern and condemnation of transnational repression activities occurring in the United States and elsewhere. Such activities include attempts by a government to target individuals located outside of its territory for peacefully exercising their human rights and fundamental freedoms, through various forms of harassment, intimidation, and coercion.

The Department informs all Missions that it views such acts of transnational repression as inconsistent with the traditional and accepted functions of diplomatic and consular missions. The Department further reminds all Missions that, without prejudice to their privileges and immunities, it is the duty of all persons enjoying such immunities to respect the laws and regulations of the receiving State.

Questions regarding this matter may be sent to OFM-Policy@state.gov.

Department of State,

Washington, July 1, 2022.

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