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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Executive Order Suspending Entry into the U.S. of Individuals from Seven Countries



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As many of you know, President Trump issued an Executive Order on Friday, January 27th, which suspends entry into the United States of immigrants and nonimmigrants from seven countries – Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen – for the next 90 days. Although the language of the order is not completely clear, “immigrant and nonimmigrant” would appear to cover those with a temporary visa (e.g., B-1, H-1B and L-1). However, the situation for permanent residents, dual citizens, and others who may have traveled to these seven countries still carries uncertainty.

Last night on behalf of the University, President Simon joined many of our AAU partners in issuing a statement that represents our position on the Executive Order (see <http://president.msu.edu/communications/speeches-statements/statement-on-executive-order-on-immigration-2017-01-29.html>). Locally, an executive group from MSU is closely following the impacts of this on our students, faculty, and staff, and we will continue to follow the implications of this order and others that may follow. MSU is advising students, faculty, and staff in the categories defined above not to travel outside the U.S. during this 90-day period unless necessary. Even after the 90-day period is complete, we are not sure how the visa or port of entry requirements may change.

In addition, be aware that delays in visa processing are expected in the immediate future. This is due to the order's suspension of a visa interview waiver program and a federal government hiring freeze. Longer term, entry may become more difficult as well, depending on what comes from the studies and reports directed in the Executive Order.

Our primary concern right now is for the safety and security of members of the MSU community. It is important that they receive timely and accurate information. The Office for International Students and Scholars has communicated directly with all students and scholars from the affected countries who are here under visa status (see <http://president.msu.edu/files/documents/letter-statement-on-executive-order-on-immigration.pdf>).

As the situation is dynamic, please do not offer students direct advice or guidance about travel and immigration issues beyond MSU's travel advisory. Do reach out to your students, faculty, and staff to encourage them to read and watch for communications from OISS, and to see if they need any additional campus resources for support. The MSU College of Law Immigration Clinic will be posting updated information on executive orders as they are verified:
<http://www.law.msu.edu/clinics/immigration.html>

If you have a specific issue or question related to this executive order, please consult the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) at 517-353-1720 or use the following link to make an appointment: msu.campus.eab.com. You may also go to OISS from 1-3 p.m. for a walk-in appointment.

We will share updated information as it is available, including links to information. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have additional questions or concerns.