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Dear UNC Charlotte International Population,

On the afternoon of January 27, 2017, President Donald Trump signed an Executive Order titled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States."

The Executive Order requires the suspension of the immigrant and nonimmigrant (H-1B, TN, F-1, O-1, J-1, etc.) entry into the United States of nationals from seven (7) designated countries for 90 days: Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen. Other countries may be added to the list in the future. The Executive Order provides for several changes to the Visa review and issuance process.

The Order directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to immediately review the information the U.S. needs to obtain from a foreign country in order to adjudicate any visa, admission or other benefit so as to confirm the applicant's identity and that s/he is not a security or public-safety threat. The Secretary is also directed to recommend to the President additional countries from which entry by foreign nationals will be prohibited.

The Order also directs the Secretary of State to suspend the refugee admission program for 120 days, while the Secretary reviews the refugee application and adjudication process. The review will result in a determination and implementation as to additional procedures should be undertaken to ensure those admitted as refugees do not pose a threat to the U.S. Further, the Order directs the suspension of refugee processing of Syrian nationals until the President determines sufficient changes have been made to ensure alignment with the national interest.

The actions required by the Executive Order could affect students, faculty, and staff of the University and its constituent institutions who are traveling or who have plans to travel outside the United States.

It is not clear what is meant by "from" in the Executive Order. In its broadest interpretation, the Order could include passport holders, citizens, nationals, and dual nationals of Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen. For example, an F-1 International Student who is a citizen of Iran and is presently participating in a study abroad program in Paris would be prohibited from entering the U.S. pursuant to her F-1 student visa for at least 90 days. UNC Charlotte's International Student and Scholar Office will continue to work with the University Legal Affairs to monitor developments and provide additional information as it becomes available.

Additionally, The ISSO will post information about any potential changes that would have an impact on international students and scholars at UNC Charlotte via email and/or on the ISSO website [Announcements](#).

Sincerely,

International Student and Scholar Office

