

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice: 11682]****Determination Under Section 506(A)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 To Provide Immediate Military Assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA) (22 U.S.C. 2318(a)(1)) and Presidential Delegation of Authority dated September 7, 2021, I hereby determine that an unforeseen emergency exists which requires immediate military assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces. I further determine that these requirements cannot be met under the authority of the Arms Export Control Act or any other provision of law.

I, therefore, direct the drawdown of up to \$22 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense under the authority of section 506(a)(1) of the FAA to provide immediate assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces. The Department of State will coordinate implementation of this drawdown.

This determination shall be reported to Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 22, 2021.

Antony J. Blinken,
Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice: 11681]****Determination Under Section 552(C)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 To Provide Commodities and Services for Assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 552(c)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA) (22 U.S.C. 2348a(c)(2)) and Presidential Delegation of Authority dated September 7, 2021, I hereby determine that, as the result of an unforeseen emergency, the immediate provision of assistance under chapter 6 of part II of the FAA in amounts in excess of funds otherwise available for such assistance is important to the national interests of the United States.

I, therefore, direct the drawdown of up to \$25 million in commodities and

services from the inventory and resources of any agency of the U.S. government under the authority of section 552(c)(2) of the FAA to provide immediate assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces. The Department of State will coordinate implementation of this drawdown. This determination shall be reported to Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice: 11680]****Update on Report to Congress Pursuant to Section 353(d)(1)(A) of the United States—Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement Act****ACTION:** Notice of report.

SUMMARY: This document, submitted to the Congress on March 9, 2022, provides an update to the State Department's report to Congress regarding persons in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua: Foreign persons determined to have knowingly engaged in actions that undermine democratic processes or institutions; foreign persons determined to have knowingly engaged in significant corruption; and foreign persons determined to have knowingly engaged in obstruction of investigations into such acts of corruption, including the following: Corruption related to government contracts; bribery and extortion; the facilitation or transfer of the proceeds of corruption, including through money laundering; and acts of violence, harassment, or intimidation directed at governmental and nongovernmental corruption investigators. On November 10, 2021, the President signed the Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform (RENACER) Act adding Nicaragua to the countries whose citizens are subject to the Section 353 Corrupt and Undemocratic Actors list.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Update to Report to Congress on Foreign Persons who have Knowingly Engaged in Actions that Undermine Democratic Processes or Institutions, Significant Corruption, or Obstruction of Such Corruption in El Salvador,

Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, Pursuant to Section 353(b) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2021 (Div. FF, Pub. L. 116–260, as amended) Consistent with Section 353(b) of the United States—Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement Act (Div. FF, Pub. L. 116–260) (the Act), as amended, this report update is being submitted to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, House Committee on the Judiciary, and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

Section 353(b) requires the submission of a report that identifies the following persons in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua: (1) Foreign persons determined to have knowingly engaged in actions that undermine democratic processes or institutions; (2) foreign persons determined to have knowingly engaged in significant corruption; and (3) foreign persons determined to have knowingly engaged in obstruction of investigations into such acts of corruption, including the following: Corruption related to government contracts; bribery and extortion; the facilitation or transfer of the proceeds of corruption, including through money laundering; and acts of violence, harassment, or intimidation directed at governmental and nongovernmental corruption investigators. On November 10, 2021, the President signed the Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform (RENACER) Act, adding Nicaragua to the countries whose citizens are subject to Section 353.

Under Section 353, foreign persons identified under the Act are generally ineligible for visas and admission to the United States. Section 353 further requires that foreign persons identified under the Act shall have their visas revoked immediately and any other valid visa or entry documentation cancelled. Consistent with Section 353(g), this report update will be published in the **Federal Register**.

This report update includes individuals for whom the Department is aware of credible information or allegations of the conduct at issue, from media reporting and other sources. The Department will continue to review the individuals listed in the report and consider all available tools to deter and disrupt corrupt and undemocratic activity in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The Department also continues to actively review additional credible information and allegations concerning corruption or undemocratic activity and to utilize