

*Periodic Report on the National Emergency
With Respect to the Situation in Nicaragua*

I hereby report to the Congress on developments and expenditures relating to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13851 of November 27, 2018, which blocks the property of certain persons contributing to the situation in Nicaragua. In accordance with section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), this report covers actions taken in the exercise of national emergency authorities under IEEPA, and implementing regulations set forth at 31 C.F.R. part 582 (the Nicaragua Sanctions Regulations). It also covers expenses that are directly attributable to the exercise of those authorities, in accordance with section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (NEA), 50 U.S.C. 1641(c).

IEEPA Reporting (from October 4, 2019, through May 5, 2020)

1. On November 7, 2019, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated three Nicaraguan government officials pursuant to the authorities referenced above. On December 12, 2019, OFAC designated one individual and three companies pursuant to the authorities referenced above. On March 5, 2020, OFAC designated the Nicaraguan National Police and three individuals pursuant to the authorities referenced above.

2. Concurrent with the March 5, 2020 designations, OFAC issued General License 1 – Official Business of the United States Government; and General License 2 – Authorizing the Wind Down of Transactions Involving the Nicaraguan National Police. See Attachment A for copies of General Licenses 1 and 2.

On March 25, 2020, OFAC issued General License 1A – Official Business of the United States Government; and General License 2A – Authorizing the Wind Down of Transactions Involving the Nicaraguan National Police, in order to make certain minor technical amendments to earlier versions of such general licenses. See Attachment B for copies of General Licenses 1A and 2A.

3. OFAC closed one licensing case (which may take the form of specific licenses, license amendments, "return-without-action" letters, general information letters, interpretive guidance letters, denial letters, closed without determination letters, or withdrawals), and

received reports of the blocking of five transactions totaling \$7,000, pursuant to the authorities referenced above.

4. OFAC has continued to discuss this program during its numerous outreach events to the financial, securities, and international trade communities. Details of this program are available on the Department of the Treasury's website.

NEA Reporting (from November 28, 2019, through May 27, 2020)

5. The expenses incurred by the federal government that are directly attributable to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of a national emergency with respect to the situation in Nicaragua are reported to be approximately \$700,000, most of which represent wage and salary costs for federal personnel. Personnel costs were largely centered in the Department of the Treasury, the Department of State, and the Department of Justice.

I shall continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments as required by law.



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