

*Periodic Report on the National Emergency  
With Respect to the Situation in and in Relation to Syria*

I hereby report to the Congress on developments and expenditures relating to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13894 of October 14, 2019, which blocks the property and interests in property of certain persons contributing to the situation in and in relation to Syria. 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 expenses that are directly attributable to the exercise of those authorities, pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (NEA), 50 U.S.C. 1641(c).

IEEPA Reporting (from October 14, 2019, through March 22, 2020)

1. On October 14, 2019, the President signed Executive Order 13894, “Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Syria” (84 Fed. Reg. 55851, October 17, 2019) (E.O. 13894). In E.O. 13894, the President found that the situation in and in relation to Syria, and in particular the recent actions by the Government of Turkey to conduct a military offensive into northeast Syria, undermines the campaign to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, endangers civilians, and further threatens to undermine the peace, security, and stability in the region, and thereby constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. To deal with this threat, the President declared a national emergency and ordered several measures, including the blocking of all property and interests in property of any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to meet any of the criteria set forth in subsection 1(a) of E.O. 13894, and the imposition of sanctions described in subsections (2)(b) and (c) of E.O. 13894 on any foreign person determined by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and other officials of the U.S. Government as appropriate, to meet any of the criteria set forth in subsection 2(a) of E.O. 13894. See Attachment A for a copy of E.O. 13894.

2. On October 14, 2019, the Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated three individuals and two entities pursuant to the authorities

referenced above. On October 23, 2019, OFAC removed the three individuals and two entities from OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List ("SDN List").

On March 17, 2020, the Department of State designated one individual pursuant to the authorities referenced above. OFAC has added this individual to the SDN List.

3. On October 14, 2019, OFAC issued three general licenses pursuant to the authorities referenced above: General License 1 – Official Business of the United States Government; General License 2 – Authorizing Certain Activities Necessary to the Wind Down of Operations or Existing Contracts Involving the Ministry of National Defence or the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Government of Turkey; and General License 3 -- Authorizing Official Activities of Certain International Organizations Involving the Ministry of National Defence or the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Government of Turkey. See Attachment B for copies of General Licenses 1, 2, and 3.

On November 5, 2019, OFAC revoked General Licenses 2 and 3 in connection with OFAC's October 23, 2019 removal of three individuals and two entities from the SDN List.

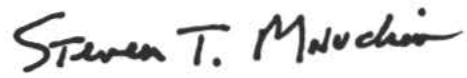
4. OFAC closed six licensing cases (which may take the form of specific licenses, license amendments, "return-without-action" letters, general information letters, interpretive guidance letters, denial letters, closed without determination letters, or withdrawals), and received reports of the blocking of seven transactions or accounts totaling approximately \$3,400, pursuant to the authorities referenced above.

5. OFAC discusses 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 October 14, 2019, through April 14, 2020)

6. 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 and in relation to Syria are reported to be approximately \$560,000, 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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Steven T. Mnuchin

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Dated: **APR 14 2020**