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TERMINATING SANCTIONS ON SYRIA:

Today, President Donald J. Trump signed a historic Executive Order terminating the Syria sanctions program to support the country’s path to stability and peace.

The Order removes sanctions on Syria while maintaining sanctions on Bashar al-Assad, his associates, human rights abusers, drug traffickers, persons linked to chemical weapons activities, ISIS or its affiliates, and Iranian proxies.

The Order directs the Secretary of State to evaluate suspending sanctions, either in whole or in part if specific criteria are met, under the Caesar Act, a law that sanctions the Assad regime for atrocities.

The Order permits the relaxation of export controls on certain goods and waives restrictions on certain foreign assistance to Syria.

The Order directs the Secretary of State to review Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham’s (HTS) designation as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.

The Order directs the Secretary of State to review HTS and Ahmed al-Sharaa’s designations as Specially Designated Global Terrorists.

The Order directs the Secretary of State to review Syria’s designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism.

The Order directs the Secretary of State to explore avenues for sanctions relief at the United Nations to support stability in Syria.

GIVING SYRIA A CHANCE TO SUCCEED:

President Trump is committed to supporting a Syria that is stable, unified, and at peace with itself and its neighbors.

President Trump wants Syria to succeed—but not at the expense of U.S. interests. While seeking to reengage constructively, this Administration will continue to guard against all threats and monitor progress on key priorities: taking concrete steps toward normalizing ties with Israel, addressing foreign terrorists, deporting Palestinian terrorists and banning Palestinian terrorist groups, helping the United States prevent a resurgence of ISIS, and assuming responsibility for ISIS detention centers in northeast Syria.

U.S. sanctions were imposed in response to the Assad regime's brutal actions against the Syrian people and their direct support for terrorism in the region.

Recent positive changes and actions taken by the Government of Syria, after the fall of the brutal Assad Regime, demonstrate promise for a stable and peaceful future.

Removing sanctions will support Syria's efforts to rebuild and counter terrorism without empowering harmful actors.

A unified Syria that protects its people and rejects extremism strengthens security and prosperity in the Middle East.

This policy aligns with U.S. goals to promote peace and stability in the region while holding accountable those responsible for past atrocities or terrorism.

PROMISE MADE, PROMISE KEPT:

President Trump is delivering on his commitment to give Syria a chance to rebuild and thrive by lifting sanctions and ensuring accountability for harmful actors.

On May 13, President Trump announced he would be lifting sanctions on Syria to "give them a chance at greatness."

President Trump: "The sanctions were brutal and crippling and served as an important — really an important function — nevertheless, at the time. But now it's their time to shine … So, I say, 'Good luck, Syria.' Show us something very special."

The Treasury Department quickly took the first step in lifting sanctions on Syria by issuing a general license, known as GL25, to authorize transactions involving the interim Syrian government, its central bank, and state-owned enterprises. Simultaneously, the State Department issued a 180-day waiver of sanctions under the Caesar Act.

President Trump is now fully delivering on that promise by taking bold action to implement the termination of the Syria sanctions program.

The world should take notice—if you want to take meaningful steps towards peace and stability, then the United States is willing to move rapidly to support you.

President Trump hopes that Syria’s new government “will hopefully succeed in stabilizing the country in keeping peace.”

President Trump believes “there is great potential in working with Syria to stop Radicalism, improve Relations, and secure Peace in the Middle East.”

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