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security and vital foreign policy interests of the United States. For these reasons, the national emergency declared on January 7, 1986, and the measures adopted on January 7 and January 8, 1986, to deal with that emergency, must continue in effect beyond January 7, 1997. Therefore, in accordance with Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing the national emergency with respect to Libya. This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register** and transmitted to the Congress.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 2, 1997.

Notice of January 21, 1997

Continuation of Emergency Regarding Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process

On January 23, 1995, by Executive Order 12947, I declared a national emergency to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States constituted by grave acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists that disrupt the Middle East peace process. By Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995, I blocked the assets in the United States, or in the control of United States persons, of foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process. I also prohibited transactions or dealings by United States persons in such property. Because terrorists activities continue to threaten the Middle East peace process and vital interests of the United States in the Middle East, the national emergency declared on January 23, 1995, and the measures that took effect on January 24, 1995, to deal with that emergency must continue in effect beyond January 23, 1997. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing the national emergency with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process.

This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register** and transmitted to the Congress.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 21, 1997.

Presidential Determination No. 97-16 of February 12, 1997

Immigration Emergency Resulting From Alien Smuggling

Memorandum for the Attorney General

In September 1995, I determined that an immigration emergency was in existence with respect to the smuggling into the United States of illegal

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aliens. I therefore directed the use of up to \$6,000,000 from the Immigration Emergency Fund to cover costs associated with repatriation of foreign nationals intercepted en route to the United States. To date, all but \$700,000 of that amount has been used to cover these costs. While our policy to deter smuggling activity has been successful, attempts to smuggle illegal aliens persist and require continued efforts on the part of the United States.

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 404(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, I hereby:

Determine that the immigration emergency determined to exist in 1995 with respect to the smuggling into the United States of illegal aliens persists; and

Direct that up to \$7,400,000 appropriated by the Congress to the Immigration Emergency Fund be used to cover costs associated with the repatriation of foreign nationals intercepted en route to the United States.

You are authorized and directed to inform the appropriate committees of the Congress of this determination and the obligation of funds under this authority and to publish it in the **Federal Register**.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 12, 1997.

Presidential Determination No. 97-17 of February 21, 1997

Suspending Restrictions on U.S. Relations With the Palestine Liberation Organization

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1995, title VI, Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1996, Public Law 104-107 ("the Act"), I hereby:

(1) Certify that it is in the national interest to suspend the application of the following provisions of law through August 12, 1997:

- (A) Section 307 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2227), as it applies with respect to the Palestine Liberation Organization or entities associated with it;
- (B) Section 114 of the Department of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985 (22 U.S.C. 287e note), as it applies with respect to the Palestine Liberation Organization or entities associated with it;
- (C) Section 1003 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989 (22 U.S.C. 5202); and
- (D) Section 37, Bretton Woods Agreement Act (22 U.S.C. 286w), as it applies to the granting to the Palestine Liberation Organization of