

## UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA

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Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism,
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Mr. Ahmed Shaheed Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

Mr. Ben Emmerson Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism

Mr. Nils Melzer Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Vice Chair Bermudez, Mr. Crepeau, Mr. Ruteere, Mr. Shaheed, Mr. Emmerson, and Mr. Melzer:

Thank you for your letter dated January 31, 2017, inquiring about Executive Order 13769, *Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States*, of January 27, 2017. We reiterate our support for the United Nations' work across the globe to promote respect for human rights.

As you may already be aware, Executive Order 13769 has been revoked and replaced by Executive Order 13780, which is the subject of ongoing litigation in U.S. domestic courts. As a result, we are unable to respond to your request for further information at this time. We will be able to provide additional information in response to your inquiries after the resolution of the pending litigation on this subject.

Sincerely,

Jason R. Mack

U.S. Deputy Permanent

Representative to the UN Human

Rights Council