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**Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project
Advisory on President Trump's March 2017 Immigration Executive
Orders UPDATE**

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President Trump has issued new executive orders about travel and visas. This order was issued after his order in February was challenged in court. The new order is now being challenged in the Federal courts. **The order is not in effect right now, because of a court-ordered Temporary Restraining Order (TRO).** But the case is still in court and may go to the U.S. Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court finds that the travel ban was legal, it will go back into effect. It is also possible that the President will issue a new version of this order. This advisory will give you a brief summary what we know right now and can advise.

I. The Order on Refugees and Immigrants from Muslim Countries: This order:

1. Stops admitting refugees to the US for at least 120 days. Refugees who already, prior to 3/16/2017, have their travel arrangements to come to the U.S. can still come during the 120 day suspension.
2. Bans immigrants and nonimmigrants from 6 Muslim majority countries (Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen) from entering the US for at least 90 days; specifically, individuals from the 6 listed countries who:
 - a. are outside the U.S. on 03/16/2017,
 - b. did not have a valid visa at 5:00 PM on 01/27/2017, and
 - c. do not have a valid visa on 03/16/2017.
3. Cuts the total number of refugees who can come to the US in Fiscal Year 2017 by more than half, to 50,000.
4. The travel ban DOES NOT apply to:
 - a. Lawful Permanent Residents ("Green Card holders");
 - b. Dual nationals who travel on a passport issued by a non-designated country;
 - c. Individuals who were admitted or paroled into the US after March 16, 2017;
 - d. People who have been granted asylum;
 - e. Refugees who have already been admitted to the U.S.;
 - f. People who have withholding of removal, advance parole, or received protection under the convention against torture.

Advice:

New executive orders or court decisions may be issued at any time. It is a good idea to keep up with news as it develops, and to be sure you have reliable and accurate information before acting. For now:

- If you are from one of the 6 countries, you should not travel outside the U.S.
- Contact an immigration lawyer if you have questions about your status or how this executive order will impact you and your family.

If you have questions about how either of the executive orders may affect you or your family, please call ILAP to schedule an intake appointment: 780-1593 extension #100.

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