

February 6, 2017 Update on U.S. Executive Order Signed on January 27, 2017

On January 27, 2017, the U.S. president signed an Executive Order (EO) prohibiting entry into the United States for immigrants and nonimmigrants from Iran, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Sudan, Somalia and Libya for 90 days.

- On January 30, IADR/AADR issued a [statement](#) strongly opposing the executive order and calling on Congress to immediately rescind the order through the legislative process.
- On February 1, IADR/AADR joined over 160 professional scientific, engineering and education societies, national associations, and universities in a [letter](#) to the President urging the executive order be rescinded.
- On February 3, IADR/AADR posted the [procedures](#) we will be following to assist delegates directly affected by the ban.
- Late on February 3, a U.S. judge temporarily suspended key parts of the executive order nationwide. . The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is currently following the judge's order which means all individuals whose visas weren't physically taken or marked as invalid were allowed into the United States. The U.S. Administration has vowed to fight the temporary stay and placed an emergency request with the U.S. Ninth Circuit of Appeals to resume the ban.
- On February 5, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco preserved a lower judge's order to temporarily halt the ban and denied the U.S. government's emergency request to resume the ban. The court ordered both sides to submit arguments for and against the ban before a final ruling. The lawyers have until 6 p.m. on Monday, February 6th to respond.
- The U.S. Court of Appeals will then schedule a hearing or rule whether the ban should remain on hold. They will not rule on whether the ban is constitutional, but whether it will remain suspended for now.
- No matter how this court rules, AADR expects this case will most likely go forward to the U.S. Supreme Court.

What does this mean if you are a delegate from one of the affected countries hoping to attend the IADR/AADR/CADR General Session in San Francisco, March 22-25, 2017?

- Due to the judge's temporary suspension of the executive order as of February 6, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security, including the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol has suspended all actions to implement the Executive Order and will resume standard inspections of travelers as it did prior to the signing of the travel ban. I. Non-immigrant and immigrant visa rules are the same as if the Executive Order was never issued. The U.S. State Department has reversed the cancellation of visas that were provisionally revoked so long as those visas were not stamped or marked as cancelled.
 - The situation can change rapidly depending on the ruling of the courts. The U.S. Administration strongly opposes the temporary stay and AADR expects this case to progress through the U.S. court system in the upcoming weeks. We will keep you updated as we are monitoring these developments closely.
- IADR/AADR will continue to assist delegates from these countries apply for visas, but will continue to apply the relaxed refund and presentation [rules outlined on February 3](#).