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EXHIBIT D-1

Visa Restriction Policy for Undermining Democracy in Zimbabwe

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Text of a U.S. Government public statement (17 U.S.C. § 105).

Visa Restriction Policy for Undermining Democracy in Zimbabwe

U.S. Department of State

Press Statement

Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State

December 4, 2023

I am announcing today a new visa restriction policy for undermining democracy in Zimbabwe. Under this policy, the United States will pursue visa restrictions, pursuant to Section 212(a)(3)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, for individuals believed to be responsible for, or complicit in, undermining democracy in Zimbabwe. Such acts may include: manipulating or rigging the electoral process; disenfranchising voters or preventing individuals from exercising their right to vote; excluding members of the political opposition from electoral processes; restricting the ability of civil society organizations (CSOs) to operate and engage in democratic, governance, or human rights related activities; or intimidation of voters, election observers, or CSOs through threats or acts of physical violence.

They may also include: engaging in corrupt acts, including bribery, that undermine the electoral process; interfering with the independent operation of the judiciary during its adjudication of electoral cases; or abusing or violating human rights in Zimbabwe.

Family members of such persons may also be subject to these restrictions.

Anyone who undermines the democratic process in Zimbabwe—including in the lead-up to, during, and following Zimbabwe's August 2023 elections—may be found ineligible for U.S. visas under this policy.

[Relevant operative text. Full statement at the official location below.]

Text of a public statement of the United States Department of State, a work of the United States Government (17 U.S.C. § 105). Official location: https://2021-2025.state.gov/visa-restriction-policy-for-undermining-democracy-in-zimbabwe/ . Text reproduced from the republication at: https://insiderzim.com/?p=50023 .

EXHIBIT D-2a

Announcement of a Visa Restriction Policy for Undermining Democracy in Georgia

Source: U.S. Department of State
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Location:
https://2021-2025.state.gov/announcement-of-a-visa-restriction-policy-for-undermining-democracy-in-georgia-and
Accessed: September 23, 2026

Text of a U.S. Government public statement (17 U.S.C. § 105).

Announcement of a Visa Restriction Policy for Undermining Democracy in Georgia and Comprehensive Review of All U.S.-Georgia Cooperation

US Department of State

Press Statement

Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State

May 23, 2024

Over the past few months the ruling Georgian Dream party has developed and passed a "foreign influence" law that would stifle the exercise of freedoms of association and expression, stigmatize organizations that serve the citizens of Georgia, and impede independent media organizations working to provide Georgians with access to high quality information. As Georgian citizens have voiced opposition to the law, we have seen clear indications of a campaign of intimidation and the use of violence to suppress peaceful dissent. Both the "national security law" and the repressive tactics used to quell legitimate dissent undermine Georgia's democracy and the fundamental freedoms to which the Georgian people are entitled and run contrary to Georgia's long-stated goal - reflected in its constitution — of Euro-Atlantic integration and strategic partnership with the United States.

In response to these actions, the Department of State is implementing a new visa restriction policy for Georgia that will apply to individuals who are responsible for or complicit in undermining democracy in Georgia, as well as their family members. This includes individuals responsible for suppressing civil society and freedom of peaceful assembly in Georgia through a campaign of violence or intimidation.

U.S. support for Georgia's democracy is longstanding and foundational to our bilateral relationship. Anyone who undermines democratic processes or institutions in Georgia —including in the lead-up to, during, and following Georgia's October 2024 elections — may be found ineligible for U.S. visas under this policy and precluded from travel to the United States. Immediate family members of such persons may also be subject to these restrictions.

I am also launching today a comprehensive review of bilateral cooperation between the United States and Georgia. It remains our hope that Georgia's leaders will reconsider the draft law and take steps to move forward with their nation's democratic and Euro-Atlantic aspirations. As we review the relationship between our two countries, we will take into account Georgia's actions in deciding our own.

This visa restriction policy is pursuant to Section 212 (a)(3)(C) of the Immigration and National Act, and allows the Department of State to implement visa restrictions for individuals, whether current or former state or non-state actors who are responsible for, or complicit in, undermining democracy in Georgia, including through the use of violence, force, or coercion to impede the exercise of civil or political rights, as well as the immediate family members of such individuals.

Text of a public statement of the United States Department of State, a work of the United States Government (17 U.S.C. § 105). Official location: https://2021-2025.state.gov/announcement-of-a-visa-restriction-policy-for-undermining-democracy-in-georgia-and-comprehensive-review-of-all-u-s-georgia-cooperation/ . Text reproduced from the republication at: https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2024/05/mil-240523-state01.htm .

EXHIBIT D-2b

Pursuing Visa Restrictions for Individuals Involved in Undermining Democracy in Georgia

Source: U.S. Department of State
Date: December 12, 2024
Location:
https://2021-2025.state.gov/pursuing-visa-restrictions-for-individuals-involved-in-undermining-democracy-in-geo
Accessed: September 23, 2026

Text of a U.S. Government public statement (17 U.S.C. § 105).

Pursuing Visa Restrictions for Individuals Involved in Undermining Democracy in Georgia

US Department of State

Press Statement

Matthew Miller, Department Spokesperson

December 12, 2024

The Department of State is announcing additional action today under the visa restriction policy that prohibits visa issuance to those who are responsible for, or complicit in, undermining democracy in Georgia. Today's action will affect approximately twenty individuals, including individuals serving as government ministers and in Parliament, law enforcement and security officials, and private citizens.

The United States strongly condemns the Georgian Dream party's ongoing, brutal, and unjustified violence against Georgian citizens, including protesters, members of the media, human rights activists, and opposition figures. Georgian Dream has turned away from Georgia's Euro-Atlantic future, which the Georgian people overwhelmingly desire and the Georgian constitution envisions. We are committed to seeing that senior officials responsible for or complicit in undermining democracy will be subject to visa restrictions.

We are preparing additional actions, including sanctions, to hold to account those who undermine democracy in Georgia. Alongside the people of Georgia, we want to see a strong, prosperous, and democratic Georgia firmly integrated in the Euro-Atlantic community. Our actions today demonstrate U.S. resolve and add to previously announced actions implicating more than 100 Georgian Dream-affiliated individuals and their family members.

The Department of State's steps to impose visa restrictions were taken pursuant to Section 212(a)(3)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, under the policy

Secretary Blinken announced in May 2024

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EXHIBIT D-3

Visa Restriction Policy on Undermining Democracy in Ghana

Source: U.S. Department of State
Date: October 28, 2024
Location:
https://2021-2025.state.gov/visa-restriction-policy-on-undermining-democracy-in-ghana/
Accessed: September 23, 2026

Text of a U.S. Government public statement (17 U.S.C. § 105).

Visa Restriction Policy on Undermining Democracy in Ghana

US Department of State

Press Statement

Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State

October 28, 2024

The United States is committed to supporting and advancing democracy in Ghana and around the world. The Department of State is announcing a new visa restriction policy today that will restrict U.S. visas for any individual responsible for undermining democracy in Ghana. This policy will take effect in advance of Ghana's presidential and parliamentary elections scheduled to take place December 7, 2024.

This visa restriction policy would apply only to specific individuals who undermine democracy and is not directed at the Ghanaian people nor the Government of Ghana. Ghana has achieved three decades of democratic elections and the peaceful transfer of power between parties - a record to be proud of and a model to cherish. The United States' readiness to impose visa restrictions if circumstances warrant is an example of our support for the aspirations of all Ghanaians for a peaceful, transparent, and credible electoral process that reflects the will of the people.

This visa restriction policy is pursuant to Section 212(a)(3)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and allows the Department of State to implement visa restrictions for individuals believed to be responsible for, or complicit in, undermining democracy in Ghana, including through the manipulation or rigging of the electoral process; the use of violence to intimidate, coerce or prevent people from exercising their rights to freedoms of association and peaceful assembly; the use of measures designed to intimidate, coerce or prevent political party representatives, voters, or members of civil society or the media from voicing or disseminating their views; or engaging in any other activity designed to improperly influence the conduct or outcome of an election. Certain family members of such persons may also be subject to these restrictions. Persons who undermine democracy in Ghana — including in the lead-up to, during, and following Ghana's 2024 elections may be found to be ineligible for visas under this policy.

Text of a public statement of the United States Department of State, a work of the United States Government (17 U.S.C. § 105). Official location: https://2021-2025.state.gov/visa-restriction-policy-on-undermining-democracy-in-ghana/ . Text reproduced from the republication at: https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2024/10/mil-241028-state01.htm .

EXHIBIT D-4

Taking Steps to Impose Visa Restrictions on Individuals Involved in Undermining the Democratic Process During Nigeria's 2023 Elections Cycle

Source: U.S. Department of State
Date: May 15, 2023
Location: https://2021-2025.state.gov/taking-steps-to-impose-visa-restrictions-on-individuals-involved-in-undermining-the-d
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Text of a U.S. Government public statement (17 U.S.C. § 105).

Taking Steps to Impose Visa Restrictions on Individuals Involved in Undermining the Democratic Process During Nigeria's 2023 Elections Cycle

US Department of State

Press Statement

Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State

May 15, 2023

The United States is committed to supporting and advancing democracy in Nigeria and around the world. Today, I am announcing that we have taken steps to impose visa restrictions on specific individuals in Nigeria for undermining the democratic process during Nigeria's 2023 elections cycle. These actions are specific to certain individuals and are not directed at the Nigerian people or the Government of Nigeria as a whole.

Under Section 212(a)(3)C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, these individuals will be subject to restrictions on visas to the United States under a policy covering those believed to be responsible for, or complicit in, undermining democracy. These individuals have been involved in intimidation of voters through threats and physical violence, the manipulation of vote results, and other activity that undermines Nigeria's democratic process.

The decision to take steps to impose visa restrictions reflects the continued commitment of the United States to support Nigerian aspirations to strengthen democracy and the rule of law.

Text of a public statement of the United States Department of State, a work of the United States Government (17 U.S.C. § 105). Official location: https://2021-2025.state.gov/taking-steps-to-impose-visa-restrictions-on-individuals-involved-in-undermining-the-democratic-process-during-nigerias-2023-elections-cycle/ . Text reproduced from the republication at: https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2023/05/mil-230515-state04.htm .

EXHIBIT D-5

Additional Steps Taken to Impose Visa Restrictions in Response to Anti-Democratic Actions in Guatemala

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Location: https://2021-2025.state.gov/additional-steps-taken-to-impose-visa-restrictions-in-response-to-anti-democratic-actio
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Text of a U.S. Government public statement (17 U.S.C. § 105).

Additional Steps Taken to Impose Visa Restrictions in Response to Anti-Democratic Actions in Guatemala

US Department of State

Press Statement

Matthew Miller, Department Spokesperson

December 11, 2023

The United States stands with those seeking to safeguard democracy and rule of law in Guatemala and ensure that the will of the Guatemalan people is respected. Under Section 212(a)(3)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, we are taking steps to impose visa restrictions on nearly 300 Guatemalan nationals, including over 100 members of the Guatemalan congress, as well as private sector representatives and their family members for undermining democracy and the rule of law. The United States will continue to take steps to impose such restrictions on any individuals who undermine Guatemala's democracy.

The United States strongly condemns ongoing anti-democratic actions by Guatemala's Public Ministry and other malign actors who undermine Guatemala's rule of law. Most recently, the Public Ministry's announcement of arrest warrants for electoral workers and party representatives, its request to remove the immunity of President-elect Arévalo, and its attempts to annul electoral results constitute evidence of its clear intent to delegitimize Guatemala's free and fair elections and prevent the peaceful transition of power. These actions are plainly inconsistent with the Inter American Democratic Charter.

These brazen measures follow a long list of other anti-democratic actions including: the lifting of immunity of electoral magistrates, the political targeting of opposition members, the intimidation of peaceful protestors, raids on storage facilities housing election result records, and the opening of ballot boxes.

Today's actions reinforce previous measures by the U.S. government to promote accountability for corrupt and undemocratic actors in Guatemala and to support the will of the Guatemalan people. The Guatemalan people have spoken. Their voices must be respected.

Text of a public statement of the United States Department of State, a work of the United States Government (17 U.S.C. § 105). Official location: https://2021-2025.state.gov/additional-steps-taken-to-impose-visa-restrictions-in-response-to-anti-democratic-actions-in-guatemala/ . Text reproduced from the republication at: https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2023/12/mil-231211-state02.htm .

EXHIBIT D-6

Announcement of Visa Policy to Promote Democratic Elections in Bangladesh

Source: U.S. Department of State
Date: May 24, 2023
Location: https://2021-2025.state.gov/announcement-of-visa-policy-to-promote-democratic-elections-in-bangladesh/
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Text of a U.S. Government public statement (17 U.S.C. § 105).

Department Press Briefing - May 24, 2023

Matthew Miller, Department Spokesperson

May 24, 2023

BANGLADESH

RUSSIA / UKRAINE

[Excerpt: opening statement regarding Bangladesh]

MR MILLER:

Afternoon, everyone. Some brief comments before we get started.

The Secretary has just announced a new visa policy under Section 212(a)(3)(C) - known as "3C" - of the Immigration and Nationality Act to support Bangladesh's goal of holding free, fair, and peaceful national elections. Under this policy, the United States will be able to restrict the issuance of visas for any Bangladeshi individual believed to be responsible for, or complicit in, undermining the democratic election process in Bangladesh. This includes current and former Bangladeshi officials, members of pro-government and opposition political parties, and members of law enforcement, the judiciary, and security services.

Actions that undermine the democratic election process include vote rigging, voter intimidation, the use of violence to prevent people from exercising their right to freedoms of association and peaceful assembly, and the use of measures designed to prevent political parties, voters, civil society, or the media from disseminating their views.

The holding of free and fair elections is the responsibility of everyone - voters, political parties, the government, the security forces, civil society, and the media. And our message today to the people of Bangladesh is that we stand behind you, we stand behind free and fair elections, and we are announcing this policy to support democracy in your country.

And with that, Matt.

Text of a public statement of the United States Department of State, a work of the United States Government (17 U.S.C. § 105). Official location: https://2021-2025.state.gov/briefings/department-press-briefing-may-24-2023/ . Text reproduced from the republication at: https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2023/05/mil-230524-stateb01.htm .

EXHIBIT D-7

The United States Imposes Visa Restrictions on Multiple Individuals Undermining Sudan's Civilian-Led Transitional Government

Source: U.S. Department of State
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https://2017-2021.state.gov/the-united-states-imposes-visa-restrictions-on-multiple-individuals-undermining-sudan
Accessed: September 23, 2026

Text of a U.S. Government public statement (17 U.S.C. § 105).

The United States Imposes Visa Restrictions on Multiple Individuals Undermining Sudan's Civilian-Led Transitional Government

Press Statement

Michael R. Pompeo, Secretary of State

August 13, 2020

The United States continues to stand with the people of Sudan and the aspirations of the revolution that ousted former President Omar al-Bashir in April 2019. We support the civilian-led transitional government led by Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok, who took office in September 2019. We strongly believe that Sudan's Constitutional Declaration provides the best roadmap to begin the transition to a just, equitable, and democratic society. Unfortunately, former Bashir-era officials and others continue to undermine Sudan's nascent democracy.

The Secretary of State is implementing visa restrictions under the Immigration and Nationality Act Section 212(a)(3)(C) on individuals residing both inside and outside Sudan who are believed to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have engaged, directly or indirectly, in undermining Sudan's civilian-led transitional government's efforts to implement the July 17, 2019, Political Agreement and August 17, 2019, Constitutional Declaration. This would include obstructing the work of civilian ministers, stalling implementation of provisions of the Constitutional Declaration, delaying preparations for drafting a new constitution and preparing for elections in 2022, and engaging in corruption or the abuse or violation of human rights in Sudan, which would weaken the authority of the civilian-led transitional government. Such visa restrictions could include the immediate family members of these individuals.

This decision reflects the Department of State's commitment to work with Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and the civilian-led transitional government, civil society, and others in their efforts to deliver the ultimate goal of the Sudanese people: "Freedom, peace, and justice."

The list of these individuals is not publicly available; however, any application they may submit for travel to the United States will be adjudicated according to established guidelines.

The United States remains a steadfast supporter of Sudan's peaceful, democratic transition.

Text of a public statement of the United States Department of State, a work of the United States Government (17 U.S.C. § 105). Official location: https://2017-2021.state.gov/the-united-states-imposes-visa-restrictions-on-multiple-individuals-undermining-sudans-civilian-led-transitional-government/ . Text reproduced from the republication at: https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2020/08/mil-200813-state02.htm .