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Proposed Transparency and Accountability Procedures
For the Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of Treasury
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- 1.) The Secretary of the Treasury shall provide an annual report to the Congress concerning the Office of Foreign Assets Control's (OFAC) administration of license regulations, including the following:
 - a.) The aggregate number of specific license applications received
 - b.) The aggregate number of specific license applications granted and denied
 - c.) The number of specific license applications for commercial purposes
 - d.) The number of specific license applications for humanitarian purposes
 - e.) The geographic location involved for each category above
 - f.) The sanctions program under which the license authorization was provided
 - g.) The average processing time for OFAC specific licenses in the aggregate, and for commercial, humanitarian assistance programs, or other purposes.
- 2.) In all specific license applications the applicant shall be supplied with the name and contact information of the OFAC official responsible for processing the application. Decisions shall be made in writing. In cases where a license is denied there shall be an explanation of the reasons therefore and information on the process for reconsideration.
- 3.) Licensing determinations describing the scope of work approved for humanitarian and peacebuilding projects shall be publicly available to promote transparency and provide guidance to other humanitarian or peacebuilding organizations developing proposals.
- 4.) The standards for approving licenses for humanitarian assistance and peacebuilding projects shall be clearly defined, available to the public, consistent with humanitarian principles and promote effective programs by being sufficiently flexible to ensure that applicants can conduct their activities with impartially, speed and discretion.
- 5.) The independence and neutrality of humanitarian assistance programs will be respected, and as such, not be compromised by political or foreign policy considerations.
- 6.) To avoid undue delays that might jeopardize the viability of a proposed humanitarian, development or peacebuilding project, OFAC shall have 90 days to review each application and either grant or deny the license. If, after 90 days have elapsed from submission of the application, OFAC has not yet made a determination, then the applicant may proceed with the plan described in the application. If OFAC rejects the license after such work has begun, the applicant may not be prosecuted or sanctioned for any such activities that it conducted between the 91st day and the time at which it is informed of the denial. In the case of a declared humanitarian emergency the applicable period of time will be seven days.