



Designation of Terrorist Organisations

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Good afternoon.

Today the United States is demonstrating once again its leadership and determination in the struggle against international terror.

Under a provision of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1996, I'm designating 30 groups as foreign terrorist organisations. These designations have three main consequences.

First, as of today, it is a crime to provide funds, weapons or other types of tangible support to any of the designated organisations.

Second, members and representatives of these organisations are hereby ineligible for visas to enter the United States, and are subject to exclusion from the United States.

And third, any funds that these organisations have in our country will be blocked.

The Anti-Terrorism Act was designed to put a stop to fund-raising in the United States by and on behalf of organisations that engage in or sponsor terrorist acts.

President Clinton has rightly identified terrorism as one of the most important security challenges we face in the wake of the Cold War.

As the designations made today suggest, terrorism is a world-wide phenomenon. No nation is immune; certainly not the United States - where terrorists have struck from lower Manhattan to Oklahoma City.

The United States is responding to that threat with every available tool. We are seeking the help and co-operation of all our citizens, and we seek the help and co-operation of peoples from around the world. This requires a recognition that terrorism is not a self-sustaining enterprise. It needs money and supplies to succeed.

Our goal is to make the United States fully a no-support-for-terrorism zone. Our message to anyone who comes into our country intending to raise money for a terrorist organisation is, you risk going to jail. And our message to anyone who is part of a terrorist organisation and who wants to enter the United States is, you are not welcome here.

We are aware that some of the designations made today may be challenged in court. Due process under the law affords this opportunity. But we're also confident that the designations are fully justified, and I would note that they have the concurrence of both the Attorney General and the Secretary of Treasury.

I want to emphasise, as well, that our review of organisations under the anti-terrorism law is ongoing. Other groups may be designated at any time.

The steps we are taking today of cracking down on fund-raising for terror and of banning terrorists from our shores are steps we urge other countries to take within their jurisdiction. By steadily reducing the habitat in which terrorism thrives, we can hope to make terrorists first an endangered species, and ultimately, an extinct one.

Thank you very much.

Foreign Terrorist Organisations

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- Abu Nidal Organization (ANO)
- Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG)
- Armed Islamic Group (GIA)
- Aum Shinrikyo (Aum)
- Euzkadi Ta Askatasuna (ETA)
- Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine-Hawatmeh Faction (DFLP)
- HAMAS (Islamic Resistance Movement)
- Harakat ul-Ansar (HUA)
- Hizballah (Party of God)
- Gama'a al-Islamiyya (Islamic Group, IG)
- Japanese Red Army (JPA)
- al-Jihad
- Kach
- Kahane Chai
- Khmer Rouge
- Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)
- **Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam(LTTE)**
- Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front Dissidents (FPMR/D)
- Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MEK, MKO)

- National Liberation Army (ELN)
- Palestine Islamic Jihad-Shaqaqi Faction (PIJ)
- Palestine Liberation Front-Abu Abbas Faction (PLF)
- Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)
- Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC)
- Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)
- Revolutionary Organization 17
- November (17 November)
- Revolutionary People's Liberation Party/Front (DHKPIC)
- Revolutionary People's Struggle (ELA)
- Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso, SL)
- Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA)