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AIEA Response to March 6, 2017 U.S. Executive Order

In light of the revised Executive Order on Immigration of 6 March 2017, and concurrent revisions to the processing options for all H-1B cases effective 3 April 2017, and in recognition of the challenges that international education and its leaders currently and will continue to face, the Association of International Education Administrators reaffirms and strongly stands behind its earlier statement of January 30.

This is a critical moment for international education, and at our annual conference last month in Washington, DC, we had the opportunity to discuss the many complexities of the challenges our profession faces. As a response to these conversations, and in full solidarity with all those international students and scholars impacted by these new policies, we believe that international educators have a responsibility to reaffirm existing as well as build new alliances and networks beyond higher education to effectively advocate for the international flow of knowledge and people.

We want to sincerely thank our members and participants at the AIEA 2017 Annual Conference, February 19-22 2017, for contributing to this important dialogue and for their substantive and constructive input on these issues.