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AIPAC Welcomes New Syria Sanctions

(WASHINGTON -- April 29, 2011) President Obama issued an important executive order today imposing new sanctions on three senior Syrian officials, the Syrian intelligence agency, and the Iranian Revolutionary Guards for their role in the brutal crackdown on peaceful protestors in Syria. The new measures will freeze any U.S. assets held by those individuals or institutions named and prohibits Americans from doing business with them.

The Obama administration also helped win passage today of a U.S.-sponsored resolution at the UN Human Rights Council condemning the crackdown. The resolution holds the Syrian government responsible for violence and the killing of protestors.

AIPAC welcomes both of these developments and commends the administration for bringing international attention to the brutal actions perpetrated by the Syrian regime against its own people. AIPAC urges additional action to fully implement the Syrian Accountability Act against the government in Damascus, which represses its citizens, supports terrorism, and is pursuing weapons of mass destruction in violation of its

international commitments.

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