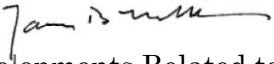




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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents, The University of Texas System
FROM: James B. Milliken 
SUBJECT: Update to Travel Developments Related to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

Much has transpired since my message on March 7. While Russia's assault on Ukraine continues and the regional situation remains tense, concerns about escalation in many of the countries bordering Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus have decreased. As a result, I am amending the elevated approval requirements for most of the neighboring countries:

1. Travel to Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania no longer require elevated approval by the President. This change is effective immediately.
2. Travel to Moldova and Georgia will continue to require elevated approval by the President. This is due to increased risks associated with the Transnistria breakaway region in Moldova and the Russian-occupied regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia in Georgia.

Sanctions against Russia and Belarus remain in effect, and have grown more severe since March. Likewise, the on-the-ground situation in Ukraine remains hostile. As a result, travel to Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine continues to be suspended until further notice. If your institution determines there is a mission critical business or research need that warrants an exception to the suspension, the following continues to be required:

1. Travel must be approved by the IOC, as well as the President. If an exception is granted, the President must provide notice to the Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) for Health Affairs or Academic Affairs as appropriate, and the Chief Compliance and Risk Officer.
2. Your Export Control subject matter expert and your Office of Legal Affairs must review any proposed or ongoing travel requests to ensure that neither the institution nor the traveler violates any applicable sanctions with respect to financial transactions, nor engages with any person or entity that is sanctioned. The IOC must include the opinion of Export Control and Legal Affairs in their review.

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The health and safety of the University of Texas community remains our top priority. Thank you for your attention to these impactful events and your vigilant support of your travelers. Please contact Phil Dendy, Stacy Youngdale, or Jess Miller in the Office of Risk Management if you have questions.

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