



March 13, 2000

**President Continues National Emergency Regarding Iran
(Iran's actions and policies continue to threaten U.S. security)**

President Clinton March 13 continued beyond March 15, 2000, the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995.

"The actions and policies of the Government of Iran continue to threaten the national security, foreign policy and economy of the United States," Clinton said in a notice issued Aboard Air Force One by the Office of the Press Secretary.

The National Emergency of March 15, 1995, was declared to deal with the Government of Iran's support for international terrorism, efforts to undermine the Middle East peace process, and acquisition of weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them.

Following is the text of the President's notice:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
(Aboard Air Force One)
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NOTICE**CONTINUATION OF IRAN EMERGENCY**

On March 15, 1995, by Executive Order 12957, I declared a national emergency with respect to Iran pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1706) to deal with the threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Iran, including its support for international terrorism, efforts to undermine the Middle East peace process, and acquisition of weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them. On May 6, 1995, I issued Executive Order 12959 imposing more comprehensive sanctions to further respond to this threat, and on August 19, 1997, I issued Executive Order 13059 consolidating and clarifying these previous orders. The last notice of continuation was published in the Federal Register on March 12, 1999.

Because the actions and policies of the Government of Iran continue to threaten the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States, the national emergency declared on March 15, 1995, must continue in effect beyond March 15, 2000. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing the national emergency with respect to Iran. Because the emergency declared by Executive Order 12957 constitutes an emergency separate from that declared on November 14, 1979, by Executive Order 12170, this renewal is distinct from the emergency renewal of November 1999. This notice shall be published in the Federal Register and transmitted to the Congress.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

THE WHITE HOUSE,
March 13, 2000

(End text)

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