



November 13, 2015

Presidential Determination
No. 2016-02

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Distribution of Department of Defense Funded
Humanitarian Assistance in Syria

By the authority vested in me as President by the
Constitution and the laws of the United States, including
section 2249a(b)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code,
I hereby:

Determine that section 2249a(a) of title 10, United States
Code, would impede the distribution of urgently needed
humanitarian assistance in Syria to alleviate the current
refugee crisis, as well as other United States Government
objectives in the Middle East for stability and
humanitarian relief; and

Waive the prohibition in section 2249a(a) of title 10,
United States Code, for humanitarian reasons and to the
extent necessary to allow the Department of Defense to
carry out the purposes of section 2561 of title 10,
United States Code, for the distribution of humanitarian
assistance into Syria.

You are authorized and directed to publish this determination in
the *Federal Register*.

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