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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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**Determination Under Section 7070(c)(1) of the Department of State, Foreign
Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2017 Regarding the Central
Government of Venezuela**

Pursuant to section 7070(c)(1) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and
Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2017 (Div. J, Pub.L.115-31), I hereby determine
that the Government of Venezuela has recognized the independence of, or has established
diplomatic relations with, the Georgian territories of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali
Region/South Ossetia.

This determination shall be published in the Federal Register and on the Department of
State website and, along with the accompanying Memorandum of Justification, shall be
reported to Congress.

Rex W. Tillerson,

Secretary of State

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