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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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**Certification Pursuant to Sections 7045(a)(1)(B) and 7045(a)(2)(A) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2020**

Pursuant to section 7045(a)(1)(B) and section 7045(a)(2)(A) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2020 (Div. G, Pub .L. 116-94) and Delegation of Authority 245-2, I hereby certify that the central government of El Salvador is:

- (a) Combating corruption and impunity, including prosecuting corrupt government officials;
- (b) Implementing reforms, policies, and programs to increase transparency and strengthen public institutions;
- (c) Protecting the rights of civil society, opposition political parties, and the independence of the media;
- (d) Providing effective and accountable law enforcement and security for its citizens, and upholding due process of law;
- (e) Implementing policies to reduce poverty and promote equitable economic growth and opportunity;
- (f) Supporting the independence of the judiciary and of electoral institutions;
- (g) Improving border security;

- (h) Combating human smuggling and trafficking and countering the activities of criminal gangs, drug traffickers, and transnational criminal organizations; and
- (i) Informing its citizens of the dangers of the journey to the southwest border of the United States.

This certification shall be published in the *Federal Register* and, along with the accompanying Memorandum of Justification, shall be reported to Congress.

Dated May 14, 2020.

**Stephen E. Biegun,**

*Deputy Secretary of State.*

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