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# Press Statement

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## **Issuing Travel Advisories and Notices to Citizens Regarding the United States of America**

The Department of State has undertaken a review of its guidance regarding the safety of the United States for its citizens and has consequently elected to issue the following advisories and other notices to citizens traveling to the United States.

The Department of State strongly advises citizens of the Republic of Soundland, particularly those belonging to minority groups, to reconsider any plans to travel to the American States of Florida and Texas. This recommendation is prompted by persistent and ongoing systematic attacks on minorities, the erosion of civil and human rights and a display of disregard towards the rule of law by respective state governments and authorities. Additionally, heightened levels of extremism are prevalent within these regions, in part due to the actions of such States.

Under the governance of their current administrations, the States of Florida and Texas have passed a multitude of draconian laws that target LGBTQIA+ individuals, immigrants, and reproductive rights, while at the same time suppressing freedom of expression, quelling dissent, significantly relaxing firearm regulations, restricting access to literature, and engaging in arbitrary arrests. Furthermore, state authorities have actively fostered an environment of hate and extremism focused against minority groups.

The actions taken by the Floridian and Texan state governments have systematically and significantly undermined the rule of law and the fundamental rights of the person, and serve to create and incite an atmosphere that poses a significant risk. Citizens belonging to minority groups who travel to Florida and Texas will encounter a heightened likelihood of suffering violations of their civil liberties and human rights, including wrongful detention and extrajudicial killing, a loss of personal dignity, as well as targeted harassment and violence by individuals or groups. The risk of an attack on your person is high. Know that the Republic of Soundland cannot guarantee the personal safety or freedom of its citizens electing to travel to Florida or Texas, and assistance to citizens will be limited in the event of an incident. Travelers assume full responsibility for any associated risks.

Moreover, the Department of State would like to issue the following notices to all citizens intending to travel to the United States. If you travel to the United States, be aware of the fact that participation in demonstrations within the United States entails a heightened risk of sustaining injuries inflicted by local and state authorities, including those of a severe or life-threatening nature. Authorities consistently utilize militarized tactics and equipment, and frequently escalate situations. Your freedoms may be abridged, and you may be arbitrarily and wrongfully arrested, regardless of your participation or conduct in a

demonstration. The United States is presently not party to a number of conventions and unilateral treaties safeguarding civil and human rights, and generally has not recognized the jurisdiction of international tribunals or affiliated entities within its borders. Additionally, due to recent developments, the right to peaceful assembly has been degraded from previous levels in several US States.

The rate of gun violence in the United States is high and gun ownership is widespread. Incidents of mass shootings occur at an elevated level, with many resulting in a high number of casualties.

In the event that you do opt to travel to Florida, Texas, or other areas deemed high-risk in the United States, and are a member of a minority group or intend to partake in or be in proximity to mass demonstrations, you should have designated emergency contacts and be aware of your surroundings and local security developments at all times.

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