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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **Trump Demonstrates Racism Against Immigrants of Color with Expanded Muslim Ban Issued Today**

**San Francisco, California, January 31, 2020** – CARECEN SF opposes Trump’s latest attacks on immigrants of color with today’s executive order adding 7 more countries to the administration’s 2017 travel restrictions, also known as the “Muslim ban.” Today the White House expanded this racist and xenophobic ban, by adding Belarus, Nigeria, Myanmar, Kyrgyzstan, Sudan, Tanzania and Eritrea will be added to the list. The ban effective today will suspend visas that can lead to permanent residency as well as end diversity visas for Sudanese and Tanzanian nationals.

The ban will prevent most citizens from those countries from entering the United States, with exceptions made for refugees and green card holders from those seven countries. Nigeria has the largest population among the African countries and will likely be hit the hardest by the expanded ban.

CARECEN SF’s Executive Director, Lariza Dugan-Cuadra had the following to say:

“The current administration’s regressive policies absolutely undermine the very values of freedom, democracy and peace the U.S. preaches around the globe. The irony does not get lost . . . as the U.S. government closes its doors on those it has directly impacted through failed U.S. foreign policies across the world. We stand in solidarity with all those directly or indirectly impacted by this ban and by the administration’s xenophobic and racist agenda.”

CARECEN SF will continue to oppose and speak out against such baseless and xenophobic attacks on all immigrants.

*CARECEN SF empowers and responds to the needs, rights and aspirations of Latino, immigrant, and under-resourced families in the San Francisco Bay Area — building leadership to pursue self-determination and justice. Rooted in its cultural strengths and inspired by the Central American*

*justice struggles, CARECEN SF envisions our diverse immigrant community as thriving; where families prosper, build effective community institutions, and participate confidently in civic life.*

*CARECEN SF offers legal consultations to the Bay Area's immigrant community Monday–Friday, 9 am–noon. Our offices are located at 3101 Mission Street, Suite 101 in San Francisco.*

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