

## **Procedure for Exemptions Including Requests for Access to Funds under UNSCR 2231**

1. Entities/individuals may at any time submit its requests to the **Arms Control and Disarmament (ACDIS) Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Islamabad** for exemption from the measures relating to Assets Freeze, and Travel Ban, which will then be sent to the UN Security Council Facilitator:

### **Requests for Access to Funds and Exemptions from Assets Freeze**

2. As Per paragraph 6 (d) of Annex B of [resolution 2231 \(2015\)](#), the requests for access to frozen funds, financial assets, economic resources or exemptions from assets freeze can be submitted in following categories:

- a. to be necessary for basic expenses, including payment for foodstuffs, rent or mortgage, medicines and medical treatment, taxes, insurance premiums and public utility charges or exclusively for payment of reasonable professional fees and reimbursement of incurred expenses associated with the provision of legal services, or fees or service charges, in accordance with national laws, for routine holding or maintenance of frozen funds, other financial assets and economic resources, after notification by the relevant States to the Security Council of the intention to authorize access to such funds, other financial assets or economic resources and in the absence of a negative decision by the Council within five working days of such notification;
  - b. to be necessary for extraordinary expenses, provided that such determination has been notified to and approved by the Security Council;
  - c. to be necessary for the civil nuclear cooperation projects described in Annex III of the JCPOA, provided that such determination has been notified to and approved by the Security Council;
  - d. to be the subject of a judicial, administrative or arbitral lien or judgment, provided that the lien or judgment was entered into prior to the date of adoption of Security Council [resolution 1737 \(2006\)](#), is not for the benefit of a [designated individual or entity](#), and has been notified to the Security Council; or,
  - e. to be necessary for activities directly related to the items specified in paragraph 2 of Annex B of resolution 2231 (2015), or to any other activity required for the implementation of the JCPOA, provided that such determination has been notified to and approved by the Security Council.
3. In addition, the assets freeze requests can be submitted for making payment due under a contract entered into prior to the listing of such individual or entity, provided that:
- a. It can be determined that the contract is not related to any of the prohibited items, materials, equipment, goods, technologies, assistance, training, financial

assistance, investment, brokering or services referred to in Annex B of resolution 2231 (2015);

- b. the payment is not directly or indirectly received by a [designated individual or entity](#); and
4. The Security Council is subsequently notified of the intention to make or receive such payments or to authorize the unfreezing of funds, other financial assets or economic resources for this purpose, ten working days prior to such authorization.

### **Requests for Exemption from Travel Ban**

5. Per paragraph 6 (e) of Annex B of [resolution 2231 \(2015\)](#), the travel ban restriction shall not apply:
- a. when the Security Council determines on a case-by-case basis that such travel is justified on the grounds of humanitarian need, including religious obligations;  
or
  - b. where the Security Council concludes that an exemption would otherwise further the objectives of resolution 2231 (2015), including where Article XV of the [statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency](#) (IAEA) is engaged.

**Note:** For further information please visit the website of the UN Security Council.