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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

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Pursuant to section 2523(d)(2), an executive agreement under the statute shall not enter into force until, at the earliest, 180 days after the Department has provided notice to the relevant Senate and House Committees. Because the Department did not complete this notice requirement until January 10, 2020, the Department considers July 8, 2020 to be the date upon which the agreement will enter into force, absent the enactment into law of a resolution of disapproval as set forth under the statute.

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