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African Support Services of New Jersey Condemns New Travel Ban Targeting African Nations

Jersey City, NJ — African Support Services of New Jersey (ASSNJ) expresses deep concern and dismay over the executive order signed today by President Donald Trump, which imposes a new travel ban that disproportionately affects African nations. This policy, set to take effect on Monday, June 9, 2025, imposes a complete ban on nationals from several African countries, including **Chad, Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea, Republic of the Congo and Equatorial Guinea**

This action also includes heightened restrictions on travelers from **Sierra Leone, Togo, and Burundi** — further expanding barriers for African citizens seeking to visit, reunite with family, or pursue opportunities in the United States.

“This ban strikes at the heart of African families and communities who have long been part of the American fabric,” said **Adji Mahamat Saleh**, Executive Director of ASSNJ. “It sends the wrong message about who belongs here and who deserves dignity and opportunity.”

New Jersey is home to a growing and thriving African diaspora. ASSNJ works every day to support African immigrants in their journey to build better lives through education, employment support, housing assistance, and cultural integration. This ban threatens to isolate our communities and separate families, businesses, and futures.

We urge policymakers, advocates, and communities across New Jersey and the country to take a stand against this unjust policy. We cannot afford to be silent while discriminatory actions divide and harm those we serve.

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