I am responding to the questions raised about the potential impact of the U.S. Presidential elections on immigration regulations. This is to reassure you that the Immigration regulations remain in place as any changes to laws or regulations in the U.S. require a lengthy vetting process by all branches of the government. In addition, the U.S. Higher education institutions and the organizations routinely advocate to promote international education and bring more international students and scholars to the U.S. We routinely notify you of regulatory changes as they occur and will continue to do so on a timely manner.

Please feel free to contact ISSS with any questions or concerns and be assured that we are here to support you at any time. Please also take a moment to read the AU President Kerwin's message to the community where he said "Let me state – again – that our commitment to diversity and inclusion is unshakable." <a href="http://www.american.edu/president/announcements/November-11-2016.cfm">http://www.american.edu/president/announcements/November-11-2016.cfm</a>

Please stay tuned for our next email with helpful reminders on travel, visa renewal, enrollment requirements and employment as we near the winter break and feel free to contact ISSS if you need any clarifications.

Warm regards,

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