

NOTE: The President's news conference began at 4:49 p.m. in the briefing room. In his remarks, the President referred to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC; Basim Muhammad Ahmad Sultan al-Bajari and Hatim Talib al-Hamduni, senior ISIL commanders who were killed in a U.S. airstrike in Mosul, Iraq, on June 25; Tarkhan Tayumurazovich Batirashvili, an ISIL senior leader known as Omar al-Shishani; President Bashar al-Asad of Syria; Umar Khalifa, also known as Khalifa Omar Mansoor, a leader of the Tariq Gidar Group who was killed in a U.S. airstrike in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, on July 9; Democratic Presidential nominee Hillary Rodham Clinton; Jason Rezaian,

Amir Hekmati, Saeed Abedini, Nosratollah Khosravi-Roodsari, and Matthew Trevithick, U.S. citizens released from Iranian custody in January; White House Press Secretary Joshua R. Earnest; Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif-Khonsari of Iran; Harry Sarfo, a former member of ISIL serving a 3-year prison sentence in Bremen, Germany, on terrorism charges; Willie Horton, a convicted felon who was sentenced for crimes committed during a weekend furlough program in Massachusetts in 1986; Acting U.S. Pardon Attorney Robert A. Zauzmer; and President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia. He also referred to the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan.

Letter to Congressional Leaders on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Export Control Regulations August 4, 2016

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emer-

gency declared in Executive Order 13222 in light of the expiration of the Export Administration Act of 1979 is to continue in effect for 1 year beyond August 17, 2016.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Paul D. Ryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the Senate. The notice is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

The President's Weekly Address August 6, 2016

Every 4 years, our Nation's attention turns to a competition that's as heated as it is historic. People pack arenas and wave flags. Journalists judge every move and overanalyze every misstep. Sometimes we're let down, but more often we're lifted up. And just when we think we've seen it all, we see something happen in a race that we've never seen before.

I'm talking, of course, about the Summer Olympics. This month, Rio is hosting the first-

ever Games held in South America, and we're ready to root on Team U.S.A. We're excited to see who will inspire us this time, whose speed will remind us of Jesse Owens, whose feats will remind us of Bob Beamon's amazing jump? Which young American will leave us awestruck, the way a teenager named Kerri Strug did when she stuck that landing, and when another kid named Cassius Clay gave the world its first glimpse of greatness? Who will match

Mary Lou Retton's perfection or pull off an upset like Rulon Gardner's or dominate like the Dream Team?

That's why we watch. And we have a lot to look forward to this year. Team U.S.A. reminds the world why America always sets the gold standard: We're a nation of immigrants that finds strength in our diversity and unity in our national pride.

Our athletes hail from 46 States, DC, and the Virgin Islands. Our team boasts the most women who have ever competed for any nation at any Olympic Games. It includes Active Duty members of our military and our veterans. We've got basketball players who stand nearly 7 feet tall and a gymnast who's 4-foot-8. And Team U.S.A. spans generations: a few athletes who are almost as old as I am and one born just a year before my younger daughter.

Our roster includes a gymnast from Texas who's so trailblazing, they named a flip after her, a young woman who persevered through a tough childhood in Flint, Michigan, to become the first American woman to win gold in the boxing ring, and a fencing champion from suburban Jersey who'll become the first American Olympian to wear a hijab while competing. And on our Paralympic team, we're honored to be represented by a Navy veteran who lost his sight while serving in Afghanistan and continues to show us what courage looks like every time he jumps in the pool.

When you watch these Games, remember that it's about so much more than the moments going by in a flash. Think about the countless hours these athletes put in, knowing it could mean the difference in a split-second victory that earns them a lifetime of pride and gives us enduring memories. It's about the character it takes to train your heart out, even when no one's watching. Just hard work, focus, and a dream. That's the Olympic spirit, and it's the American spirit too.

In our Olympians, we recognize that no one accomplishes greatness alone. Even solo athletes have a coach beside them and a country behind them. In a season of intense politics, let's cherish this opportunity to come together around one flag. In a time of challenge around

the world, let's appreciate the peaceful competition and sportsmanship we'll see, the hugs and high-fives, and the empathy and understanding between rivals who know we share a common humanity. Let's honor the courage it takes, not only to cross the finish line first, but merely to stand in the starting blocks. And let's see in ourselves the example they set: proving that no matter where you're from, with determination and discipline, there's nothing you can't achieve.

That idea, that you can succeed no matter where you're from, is especially true this year. We'll cheer on athletes on the first-ever Olympic Refugee Team: ten competitors from the Congo, Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Syria who personify endurance.

To all of our Olympic and Paralympic athletes wearing the red, white, and blue, know that your country couldn't be prouder of you. We admire all the work you've done to get to Rio and everything you'll do there. Thank you for showing the world the best of America. And know that when you get up on that podium, we'll be singing the national anthem—and maybe even shedding a tear—right alongside you.

Now go bring home the gold!

NOTE: The address was recorded at approximately 11:50 a.m. on August 5 in the Map Room at the White House for broadcast on August 6. In the address, the President referred to long jumper Bob Beamon, gymnasts Kerri Strug and Mary Lou Retton, and wrestler Rulon Gardner, former U.S. Olympic Team members who won Gold Medals in 1968, 1996, 1984, and 2000, respectively; gymnast Simone Biles, table tennis player Kanak Jha, boxer Claressa Shields, and fencer Ibtihaj Muhammad, members, 2016 U.S. Olympic Team; and swimmer Brad Snyder, member, 2016 U.S. Paralympic Team. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 5, but was embargoed for release until 6 a.m. on August 6. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of this address.

Letter to Congressional Leaders on the Designation of David S. Johanson as Vice Chair of the United States International Trade Commission August 11, 2016

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

Sincerely,

Consistent with the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1330(c)(1), this is to notify the Congress that I have designated David S. Johanson as Vice Chair of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2018.

BARACK OBAMA

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Statement on International Youth Day August 12, 2016

Today, on International Youth Day, we celebrate the potential and power of young people to shape the future of our increasingly interconnected world. With over half of the global population under the age of 30, young generations will find the solutions to some of our toughest global challenges.

The United States is committed to providing opportunity for young people to ensure they are not only the leaders of tomorrow, but also change agents today. Whether it is ensuring boys and girls have equal access to education, building skills to strengthen youth leadership in civil society, business, and academia, or providing a young entrepreneur with the capital and network to grow a startup, we are investing in the potential of the next generation. Through our Young Leaders Initiatives, nearly

half a million young people are working together to learn from one another and effect change in their communities.

Youth are often the voices at the forefront of advocating for societies to advance and improve, whether on issues of human rights, technology, climate change, or health care. From the activist in Nigeria fighting for disability rights to the human rights advocate in Egypt defending the fundamental freedoms of all Egyptians to speech, assembly, and association, and the Paraguayan manufacturing low-cost prosthetics, young people see a world of endless possibility and are not waiting to take action to do what is right.

Today we commemorate the energetic spirit of young people worldwide and their ability to improve the future of humanity.

The President's Weekly Address August 13, 2016

Hi, everybody. One of the most urgent challenges of our time is climate change. We know that 2015 surpassed 2014 as the warmest year on record, and 2016 is on pace to be even hotter.

When I took office, I said this was something we couldn't kick down the road any longer, that our children's future depended on our action. So we've got to work, and over the past 7½ years, we've made ambitious investments in clean energy and ambitious reduc-

tions in our carbon emissions. We've multiplied wind power threefold. We've multiplied solar power more than thirtyfold. In parts of America, these clean power sources are finally cheaper than dirtier, conventional power. And carbon pollution from our energy sector is at its lowest level in 25 years, even as we're continuing to grow our economy.

We've invested in energy efficiency, and we're slashing carbon emissions from appliances,