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ECDC Calls on President-Elect Trump to Remember the Contributions of America's Immigrants

Arlington, VA—With the announcement of Donald J. Trump as the President-elect, ECDC President Tsehaye Teferra, released the following statement.

“As the results of a very contentious presidential election came in on November 8, it became clear that we are entering a time of transition. Yet there are important pillars of our democracy that we continue to stand firmly on. The peaceful transition of power is not only a hallmark of American democracy, but it is also a source of hope and an example for people around the world.

“I congratulate Mr. Trump on his victory and uphold our commitment to work with all policymakers on behalf of refugee and immigrant communities. We urge the new administration to incorporate an understanding of the historically significant and ongoing contributions that refugees and immigrants have made and continue to make to this country. As the President-elect prepares to govern our nation and all its members, ECDC hopes that refugees and immigrants will continue to be included in the same great American family.”

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ECDC is one of nine voluntary agencies working in partnership with the Department of State and the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to provide initial placement and support services to refugees being resettled in the United States. With a special focus on African refugees, ECDC promotes cultural, educational and socio-economic development programs to assist refugees and immigrants in becoming productive members of their new homeland.