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MEMORANDUM

To: Kennesaw State University Students, Faculty, and Staff
From: Iyonka Strawn-Valcy, Director of Education Abroad and Exchange Programs
Date: 11/24/2015
Subject: 2016 Spring and Summer Education Abroad Programs Update

The [Division of Global Affairs](#) has been diligent in monitoring worldwide travel conditions, compiling and disseminating safety resources, and leading risk mitigation and international safety oversight for Kennesaw State University. The [November 13, 2015 tragedy in Paris, France](#), has contributed to worldwide safety and security concerns regarding [Education Abroad](#), and DGA has been proactive and preemptive in not only addressing this incident, but any security issues of international concern. In our continued effort to address these concerns, DGA has developed a summary of responses to frequently-asked questions below to address questions and concerns related to spring and summer 2016 program travel.

1. The Education Abroad Office is currently not canceling any international programs due to recent events in Europe, but we are consistently monitoring travel conditions through the [Overseas Security Advisory Council](#) and consulting impacted faculty and staff accordingly. All approved programs have been vetted through our [Education Abroad Advisory Committee](#) for risk management purposes and due to recent events, any in areas impacted through these events have been monitored through DGA in consultation with relevant external offices.
2. At the moment, the Education Abroad Office's non-refundable application \$300 deposit policy still stands. However, the deposit is transferable and can be utilized for other education abroad programs at KSU. The Education Abroad Office will be revisiting this decision in late February/early March and notifying all constituents for Education Abroad at KSU accordingly.
3. The Education Abroad Office will be working with our International Risk Officer to offer students and concerned parents an "individual safety and security briefing" regarding any concerns related to upcoming programs. His extensive background which includes a career as a former Secret Service Agent lends considerably to DGA's risk mitigation policies. Please contact your Education Abroad Program Coordinator if you would like to request such guidance.
4. For students currently traveling and information and guidance for current international education programs please see DGA's [Interim Risk Management Guidelines for European Education Abroad Sites](#) as well as the Education Abroad Office's website on [Health, Safety, and Security Concerns on Education Abroad](#) for information and resources on Education Abroad emergency Protocol, response procedures, and risk mitigation.

Please note that as conditions change and evolve, we will revisit these measures. Please do not hesitate to contact the Education Abroad Office with any questions you have at 011-470-578-6336