Dear Jordan participants,

As you are probably aware, ISIS recently executed a captured Jordanian pilot, and Jordan executed two ISIS prisoners in response. News from the SIT staff on the ground in Jordan is that local people are taking this news in stride. SIT has two groups of students studying in Amman this semester, and our staff echoed the advice of the US Embassy in communicating to students: avoid demonstrations or other large gatherings of people. In addition, our academic directors have discussed the events and implications with students in meetings. Based on their safety assessment, we have not instituted a curfew or other restrictions for students, because the country is so calm. As always, our students have been reminded that if they go out in the evening, they should exercise the caution anyone would use when going out at night.

At this point, we do not foresee any health or safety concerns for our students in Jordan. We also continue to monitor various news outlets, and we receive Overseas Security Advisory Council’s (OSAC) reports twice daily informing us of developing situations worldwide. In addition, we have contingency plans for emergency situations at all of our program sites. We look forward to continuing our four-year partnership with UCSD and hosting the Public Health in Amman Global Seminar this summer. As always, we will continue to monitor the news from Jordan and stay in touch with our staff in Amman. During the summer, we will be in regular contact with students to keep them apprised of any changes or safety concerns.

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If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact UCSD at (858) 534-1123.

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