

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON, D.C.

## **OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL**

## Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR part 587

# **GENERAL LICENSE NO. 53A**

## Authorizing Transactions for Diplomatic Missions of the Russian Federation Involving Gazprombank Joint Stock Company or Prohibited by Directive 4 under Executive Order 14024

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