Trump administration moves to cancel \$9.3 billion of USAID, public media funds



Washington, April 15 (RHC)-- The White House has asked the U.S. Congress to claw back \$9.3 billion of previously approved funding to USAID, public broadcasting and other programs. That includes \$1.1 billion in federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, a taxpayer-supported nonprofit company that provides matching funds to broadcasters including NPR, PBS and community radio and TV stations.

In a statement, the White House accused the broadcasters of spreading "radical, woke propaganda disguised as 'news.'" Republican leaders are expected to take up Trump's request for a rescission bill, which needs only a simple majority to pass, when lawmakers return from a two-week recess.

Earlier this week, the White House barred Associated Press journalists from covering Trump's Oval Office meeting with El Salvador's president, despite last week's court order forbidding the Trump administration from punishing the AP for refusing to rename the Gulf of Mexico.

Meanwhile, Trump has demanded that the FCC revoke CBS's license and impose fines, after "60 Minutes" aired segments critical of Trump.

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