Worldwide Travel Alert
The U.S. State Department has issued a worldwide travel alert to U.S. citizens for possible risks of travel due to increased terrorist threats. Current information suggests that ISIL (aka Da’esh), al-Qa’ida, Boko Haram, and other terrorist groups continue to plan terrorist attacks in multiple regions. These attacks may employ a wide variety of tactics, using conventional and non-conventional weapons and targeting both official and private interests. The travel alert expires February 24, 2016. U.S. citizens should exercise vigilance when in public places or using transportation. Be aware of your immediate surroundings and avoid large crowds or crowded places. Exercise particular caution during the holiday season and at holiday festivals or events. U.S. Citizens should monitor media and local information sources and factor updated information into travel plans and activities. Travelers with specific safety concerns should contact local law enforcement authorities who are responsible for the safety and security of all visitors to their host country. See the U.S. State Department’s travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and country specific information at http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/worldwide-travel-alert.html.