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The Executive Office for Immigration Review Announces Update Regarding Upgrades to its Telephone Case Information System

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced a change to the security enhancements to its telephone case information system. As previously announced for the August 30, 2010, launch of phase one, EOIR successfully moved the system to a more stable and reliable server that uses more modern technology.

Phase two involved enhanced security features to access the system. After internal review and further consideration, EOIR has reexamined the security features projected for phase two. EOIR has determined that the security considerations could be resolved operationally without the need for additional user requirements. Specifically, this will be done by enhancing EOIR's internal administrative and physical controls to prevent unauthorized access and disclosure of information through the telephone system. In lieu of moving forward with the second phase on October 4, 2010, EOIR will make internal operational modifications to better protect respondents' case information.

Access to the new system is, therefore, identical to the original system. Users will continue to access case information by entering the relevant alien registration number.

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The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) is an agency within the Department of Justice. Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals interpret and adjudicate immigration cases according to United States immigration laws. EOIR's immigration judges conduct administrative court proceedings in immigration courts located throughout the nation. They determine whether foreign-born individuals — whom the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) charges with violating immigration law — should be ordered removed from the United States or should be granted relief from removal and be permitted to remain in this country. The Board of Immigration Appeals primarily reviews appeals of decisions by immigration judges. EOIR's Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. EOIR is committed to ensuring fairness in all of the cases it adjudicates.