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### **The Executive Office for Immigration Review Announces Availability of Country Conditions Resource Information on the Internet**

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the new Country Pages section of the Virtual Law Library, the agency’s online legal research resource. The new section is an extensive collection of information about the conditions in countries around the world. This unique educational resource, containing publicly-available documents that report on multiple aspects of country conditions, could be relevant to respondents in proceedings before the immigration courts and the Board of Immigration Appeals. The release of these pages is a new effort to provide the public with access to one website that hosts detailed information from many sources.

“EOIR is constantly evaluating its programs to improve the way we serve the public,” said EOIR Director Juan P. Osuna. “The release of country conditions information will allow the public ease of access to more specific and complete information to aid parties in preparing their cases before EOIR’s tribunals. I am so pleased to be able to offer this tremendous resource to the public.”

EOIR’s new section hosts information on 54 countries, including documents addressing areas such as political parties, human rights, religion, sexual orientation and trafficking, as well as maps, citizenship documents, and relevant laws. Information is culled from reports from multiple sources, including the U.S. Government, the United Nations, foreign governments, non-governmental organizations, and media outlets.

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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 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.*