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MEMORANDUM FOR: Field Office Directors

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SUBJECT: Field Advisory — Fingerprint Requirement for El

Salvador

## Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise appropriate U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) personnel of an additional requirement for repatriating nationals of El Salvador.

## Background

Recently, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has engaged the Government of El Salvador (GOES) in negotiations designed to improve the removal process. During these negotiations, GOES requested that DHS provide ten-print fingerprint cards on all Salvadoran nationals repatriated. The ICE Office of Detention and Removal Operations (DRO) will honor this request as a first step towards building efficiencies into the travel document process. In return, GOES proposes to issue travel documents within 48 hours.

## Discussion

Effective immediately, when requesting a travel document from GOES, a fingerprint card (form FD-249) must be completed and included in the travel document package presented to the local Consulate of El Salvador. If the Salvadoran national has a valid passport and no travel document request is required, a fingerprint card (form FD-249) must be completed and forwarded to the local consulate having jurisdiction over the applicable DRO field office. GOES will receive a ten-print fingerprint card on all Salvadoran nationals repatriated by DRO.

Questions relating to this field advisory may be referred to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), Travel Document Unit, at (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) or by e-mail to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (adhs.gov.

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