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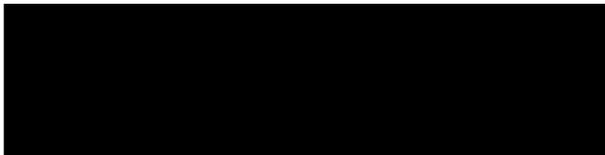
DATE: FEB 23 2012 OFFICE: BALTIMORE, MD

FILE: [REDACTED]

IN RE: APPLICANT: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility under Section 212(i) of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(i)

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied by us in reaching our decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

Perry Rhey
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The waiver application was denied by the Acting District Director, Baltimore, Maryland, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant is a native and citizen of Cameroon who has resided in the United States since May 16, 2001 when he arrived in the United States, en route to Quito, Ecuador, and requested asylum status. He was found to be inadmissible to the United States under section 212(a)(6)(C)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(6)(C)(i), for having procured admission to the United States through fraud or misrepresentation. The applicant seeks a waiver of inadmissibility pursuant to section 212(i) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(i), in order to remain in the United States.

The Acting District Director concluded that the applicant failed to demonstrate extreme hardship to a qualifying relative and denied the application accordingly. *See Decision of Acting District Director* dated May 28, 2010.

The record reflects that on January 23, 2012, the applicant's spouse sent a signed letter to USCIS. In that letter, she attested that she was seeking a divorce from the applicant, and wished to withdraw the Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, that she filed on behalf of the applicant. Accordingly, the Form I-130 Petition for Alien Relative is withdrawn. This withdrawal cannot be retracted. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(6).

The filing of a Form I-601 waiver application is predicated on the necessity to demonstrate admissibility, which in this case is a requirement for adjustment to permanent resident status under section 245 of the Act. Although USCIS allows for the simultaneous filing of Forms I-130 and I-485, the applicant's eligibility to apply for adjustment to permanent resident status is dependent on approval of the Form I-130 petition filed by his spouse.

The purpose of the Form I-130 petition is to establish for immigration purposes the validity of the marriage relationship between the applicant and his spouse. In the absence of an approved I-130 petition, the applicant is not entitled to apply for adjustment of status, and his application for adjustment cannot be approved regardless of whether he is admissible or, if not, whether a waiver is available for any ground of inadmissibility.

In the absence of an underlying approved Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, the Form I-601, Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility, is moot. The appeal of the denial of the waiver must therefore be dismissed.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.