

QUESTIONS FOR I-601A QUALIFYING RELATIVE DECLARATION

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Questions To Ask Qualifying Relative to Establish Hardship (English)

Are you a USC or an LPR?

If an LPR, when and how did you immigrate to the US?

If a USC, by birth, derivation, or naturalization?

When were you naturalized?

History of Relationship:

- 1) Where did you meet your spouse?
- 2) How old were you when you met your spouse?
- 3) When was your first date? What happened after?
- 4) When did you move in together?
- 5) When did you get married?
- 6) What was your relationship like at the beginning of the marriage?
- 7) What is relationship like now?
- 8) Do you have children? Ages?
- 9) Explain you and your spouse's relationship with your children.
- 10) Explain you and your spouse's relationship with your and your spouse's parents.
- 11) Do you or spouse take care of you or your spouse's parents?
- 12) If your spouse were to return to his/her native country and separate from you, what would the hardship be to you?

SAMPLE QUESTIONS RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC PROSPECTS:

- 1) How many years of formal education have you had?
- 2) Describe your job skills and experience?
- 3) Are you working now? What is your current income?
- 4) What special skills does your job require, if any?
- 5) How do you feel about your job and your co-workers?
- 6) Is it likely you will be able to find employment with these skills in your spouse's country -- if not, why not?
- 7) Will you be able to obtain any employment in spouse's country?
- 8) What will be your income from this employment?
- 9) Will you have medical or other employment-related benefits?
- 10) Describe in detail the consequences of this reduced income on your family's health and welfare?

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- 11) If you will not be able to obtain employment, why not?
- 12) Describe in detail the consequences to your family's health and welfare of your being unable to find work in your home country?
- 13) What does your spouse do? What is his/her income?
- 14) What would the impact be to you without your spouse's income?

QUESTIONS RELATING TO EDUCATION

- 1) Will your children be able to attend school if move to your relative's country – if not, why not?
- 2) What is the quality of education in your relative's country?
- 3) How would you feel if your children were not educated in the US?
- 4) Is there a primary school in the city to which you will be returning?
- 5) Is there a secondary school in this location?
- 6) How far will your children have to travel to attend school?
- 7) Will there be any transportation available to them to get to school?
- 8) Will you have to pay to send your children to school?
- 9) What will be your costs?
- 10) Will you be able to afford it?
- 11) What problems will your children have in adjusting to the educational system in your home country?
- 12) Do your children speak the language?
- 13) Are they able to read and write in the language?
- 14) How are they doing in school in the US?
- 15) Do they have any learning disabilities?
- 16) Do they receive special services for their disabilities?
- 17) Are they in special classes for children with disabilities?
- 18) Are your children especially academically talented?
- 19) Are they in special classes for gifted children?
- 20) What are their future educational goals?
- 21) What are their career goals?
- 22) How is the US educational system different than the one your children will encounter abroad?
- 23) What consequences would your children face if uprooted at this time in terms of education (any special study in which they are engaged)?
- 24) If your children are US citizens, will they go with you abroad or will you keep them in the US with someone else?

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25) What will happen to them if they do not go with you abroad?

26) Who will they stay with if you leave them in the US?

27) Who will pay for their expenses in the US?

QUESTIONS RELATED TO HEALTH

1) How are the health conditions in the area where you will return?

2) Do you or anyone in your family suffer from a medical condition?

3) What type of treatment are you or someone in your family receiving?

4) How often are you or the person in your family being treated?

5) What type of treatment is being received?

6) How often is the treatment received?

12) What will be the consequences of your treatment being interrupted?

13) Will you be able to obtain the same treatment in your home country?

14) If yes, explain?

15) Do you or any family member receive psychological counseling for any problems?

16) Do you worry about your own or your family members' psychological situation if you return?

17) Has a psychological evaluation been done on you or any member of your family?

18) Will there be changes in your family's diet if you return to your home country?

19) Will you be able to buy sufficient food for your family?

20) If there is no doctor in your town, how far will you have to travel to see a doctor?

21) Will you have access to maternity care?

22) Will you be able to afford it?

23) Does your family have health insurance in the US—if so, what is the name?

24) If you are forced to return to your home country will your family be covered by health insurance?

25) Will you be able to afford adequate medical services in your home country – if not, why not?

QUESTIONS RELATED TO HOUSING

1) Do you own or rent your home?

2) How long have you lived at your current address?

3) Will you be able to afford housing in your home country?

4) If yes, describe what your housing conditions will be like?

5) Will your home have indoor plumbing?

6) Will your home have electricity?

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- 7) Will your home have drainage?
- 8) How many rooms will your home have?
- 9) How will your housing compare with your home in the US?
- 10) How many people will have to live in your house abroad?
- 11) If you will not be able to afford housing, what will you do? Do you have friends or relatives with whom you could live?

QUESTIONS RELATING TO VIOLENCE AND COUNTRY CONDITIONS

- 1) Is there drug cartel violence in the area to which you would be moving?
- 2) How do you know about the violence (from family, friends, newspapers, or personal knowledge)?
- 3) Do you know the names of the drug cartels operating in the area?
- 4) Do you know anyone who has been affected in your home area by such violence? If so, who are they?
- 5) What happened to the people you know who suffered violence at the hands of the drug cartels?
- 6) If the people you know were injured by drug cartel violence, do you have any proof of such injury (newspaper clippings, police reports, death certificates, photos of injured people, photos of damaged property)?
- 7) Are there problems with gangs in the country to which you will be returning?
- 8) What are those problems?
- 9) Have you or anyone you know had problems with the gangs in your home country?
- 10) If so, what were the problems?
- 11) What would you do to keep yourself and your family safe from gang violence?
- 13) Is there ongoing political violence in your home country between different political groups? If so, what are the groups?
- 14) What effect has the political violence had on the place that you will be returning to – economic, safety, etc.?
- 15) Does the violence prevent you from traveling, working, going out at night?
- 16) Has anyone in your family suffered harm due to the political violence? If so, who, what happened?
- 17) Have any of your friends or former fellow workers suffered harm due to the political violence? If so, who, what happened?

QUESTIONS RELATED TO WOMEN

- 1) In the US, women commonly work outside the home. Is that true in the country to which you will be moving/returning?
- 2) Would you be able to work in your home support your family?

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- 3) What obstacles would you face in finding work?
- 4) How have your daughters adjusted to life in the US?
- 5) Would your daughters face unique problems as females in the country to which you will be returning?
- 6) Are the educational opportunities for girls in your home country similar to those in the US? If not, how?

QUESTIONS RELATED TO FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TIES IN THE US

- 1) Are you involved in your community? If so, how?
- 2) Do you frequently spend time with family members?
- 4) What is your relationship with each of them and where do they live?
- 5) What is their immigration status?
- 6) What kinds of activities do you do with your friends and relatives?
- 7) How often do you see them?
- 8) Please describe your daily routine, during the work week, including what you do after work?
- 9) Please describe what your activities are during the weekend and other free time?
- 10) Are you involved in any community organization (church groups, sports teams, counseling groups, school groups, labor unions)?
- 11) Are you active with such groups? How much time do you spend with such groups?
- 12) Are you in a leadership position with such groups?
- 13) If you are a member of a church, what is the name of it? How often do you attend?
- 14) Do you have many close relatives in your home country? If so, where do they live?
- 15) Do you have many friends in your home country? Have you maintained contact with them?
- 16) Would your friends or relatives be able to assist you in locating housing and employment abroad? If not, why not?
- 17) If not, would the lack of personal contacts make it difficult for you to obtain adequate housing and employment?

OTHER CULTURAL FACTORS IN RELATIVE'S HOME COUNTRY

If you or the waiver applicant were to relocate to foreign country, would you face persecution or discrimination due to your sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, gender or other factors?