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## STATEMENT ON COURT-ORDERED REUNIFICATION DEADLINE

In response to today's deadline for the Trump administration to reunite families separated at the border, Archi Pyati, Chief of Policy at Tahirih Justice Center, issued the following statement:

"The court-ordered deadline to reunite families separated at the border has come and gone without any significant attempts by the administration to follow through. The Tahirih Justice Center is dismayed by the failure of the government to end the traumatic experiences of families seeking asylum. This inhumane practice of separating children from their parents has inflicted irreparable harm on families who fled horrific violence seeking a bridge to safety. Rather than provide some semblance of protection and assistance, this administration has taken children away from their parents and deported families back to their countries without constitutionally-mandated due process. We continue to call on the administration to show the same courage that these families have shown, and reunite children with their parents immediately."

Archi Pyati, Chief of Policy, is available for comment on this topic. Please contact <u>tstewart@mrss.com</u> to arrange an interview.

## **About the Tahirih Justice Center**

The Tahirih Justice Center is the largest national direct service and policy advocacy organization focused on assisting immigrant women and girls fleeing violence. Tahirih will continue to monitor policy shifts that impact women and girls fleeing violence and advocate for the United States to honor its legal obligations to protect those fleeing human rights abuses.