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## TAHIRIH STATEMENT ON NINTH CIRCUIT DECISION ON 'REMAIN IN MEXICO'

The Tahirih Justice Center, a plaintiff in the lawsuit challenging the 'Remain in Mexico' policy, applauds today's decision in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to reinstate an injunction, forcing the policy to grind to a halt. 'Remain in Mexico' was implemented over a year ago and under the policy, asylum seekers are forced to live in dangerous conditions in Mexico while awaiting the rest of their court hearings.

"Today's decision in the Ninth Circuit is a victory for all asylum seekers fleeing persecution," said Richard Caldarone, Tahirih Litigation Counsel. "Under 'Remain in Mexico', more than 60,000 asylum seekers have been sent to wait in Mexico, including vulnerable groups like pregnant women, children, and LGBTQ individuals. Tahirih staff members who have visited the border have confirmed that there is an extreme lack of access to legal counsel and trauma-informed care. The right to seek asylum is enshrined in international law and we are glad to see justice served today".

Richard Caldarone is available for comment on this topic. Please contact dhajjar@mrss.com to arrange an interview.

## About the Tahirih Justice Center

The Tahirih Justice Center is a national, nonprofit organization that serves immigrant women and girls seeking safety and justice. We amplify the voices of survivors in communities, courts, and Congress to create a world where women and girls enjoy equality and live in safety and with dignity.