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## TAHIRIH STATEMENT ON INCOMING BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION

Over the past four years, policy after policy, fueled by racism and xenophobia, have chipped away at legal protections for immigrant survivors—building an invisible wall that has denied access and safety to asylum seekers and refugees. Tahirih presents the incoming administration with <a href="mailto:specific steps">specific steps</a> it can take—even without Congress—to undo numerous harmful immigration policies that have devastated lives and torn apart families.

"There is a long road ahead of us to build an immigration system that will protect access to justice for immigrant survivors," said Archi Pyati, Tahirih Chief of Policy and Communications. "The past few years of policies have shattered an already broken immigration system, and we will hold the incoming Biden administration accountable to the promises they made to ensure that survivors are protected. After seeing historic engagement in the fight for justice over the last several years, we cannot stop now. We must continue to press on—first to undo the damage that has been done, and then to fight for a truly just world where all people can enjoy equality and live in safety. We are ready to rebuild, reimagine, and recommit ourselves to the work of creating a more just system for immigrant survivors."

Archi Pyati is available for comment on this topic. Please contact rachelp@tahirih.org 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.