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**TO :** CIS Section 245 ADJUDICATIONS

**FROM :** Immigrant Visa Control

**SUBJECT :** Authorizations for ALL Employment preference Cases

**Effective immediately it has been necessary to stop authorizations in response to requests for ALL Employment preference cases for the remainder of FY-2011.** This action has become necessary because the FY-2011 Employment annual limit has now been reached. Numbers will once again be available for all Employment categories beginning October 1, 2011 under their FY-2012 annual numerical limitation.

The above action is a direct result of the USCIS identification, in early August, of an extremely large amount of demand and subsequent processing. All USCIS Offices may continue to process Employment preference cases and submit them in the normal manner. Such cases will be held in the Visa Office's "Pending Demand" file.

On October 3, 2011, authorizations will be made covering all eligible cases which had been entered into the Pending Demand from September 15, 2011 through September 30, 2011 and are within the applicable October cut-off date.

**Please be sure that this information is passed to all personnel involved in the process of obtaining visa authorizations from the Visa Office for Section 245 cases.**

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