

# Memorandum



**BIA 08-05**

Subject <b>Case Hold - Persecution claim based on female genital mutilation (FGM)</b>	Date <b>July 16, 2008</b>
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To <b>Board Legal Staff</b>	From <b>Juan P. Osuna, Acting Chairman</b> <i>JPO</i>
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Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(e)(8)(iii), I am directing that cases which involve aliens who claim a fear of persecution based on female genital mutilation (FGM) be placed on hold. If you have or find a case involving this issue, please bring it to the attention of your Team Leader or Senior Panel Attorney so that the adjudication clock can be promptly stopped, and the record can be placed in designated cabinets.