


Memorandum



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Subject Case Hold Lifted - Persecution claim based on female genital mutilation (FGM)	Date June 23, 2009
To Board Legal Staff	From David L. Neal, Acting Chairman 

As the result of the publication of *Matter of A-T-*, 25 I&N Dec. 4 (BIA 2009), the existing hold (temporary suspension of the adjudication time limits) on cases which involve aliens who claim a fear of persecution based on female genital mutilation (FGM) is lifted. Cases that were placed in the designated cabinets are in the process of being returned for adjudication. Further instructions will be forthcoming from your Senior Panel Attorney or team leader regarding the circulation of cases with this issue.