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**THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION COURT
MIAMI, FLORIDA**

In the Matter of:)
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 [NAME])
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 Respondent,)
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 In removal proceedings)

File No: A #####

Immigration Judge [JUDGE NAME]
Next Individual Hearing: [DATE AND TIME]

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Respondent [CLIENT NAME], through undersigned *pro bono* counsel, respectfully requests that the Court grant a motion advancing Respondent's individual hearing, pursuant to Chapter 5.10(b) of the Immigration Court Practice Manual.

In support of this motion, the Respondent states the following:

1. Respondent, NAME, is a XX-year-old citizen of COUNTRY OF ORIGIN who arrived in the United States on or about MONTH XX, YEAR.
2. Respondent received a Notice to Appear dated MONTH XX, YEAR, directing him to appear before the Immigration Court in Miami, Florida on MONTH XX, YEAR for his first master calendar hearing (MCH), which was rescheduled for a later date.
3. Written/Oral pleadings were submitted in this matter at Respondent's MCH on DATE.
4. Respondent filed his I-589 application for asylum, withholding of removal and protection under the Convention Against Torture with the Immigration Court on DATE.

5. Respondent currently has an Individual Hearing set for March 15, 2027, which is more than two years from now.
6. Respondent and Counsel are prepared to move forward with this case in 2025 or as soon as is practicable thereafter.
7. Respondent has specifically requested that a motion to advance be filed and wishes to have his application for asylum, withholding and CAT protection heard sooner because...[insert compelling reasons as to why a motion to advance is important in this case – can include things like Respondent suffers from continued trauma/PTSD from the persecution suffered, and delaying the case would continue to cause anxiety due to living in limbo/uncertainty of case resolution; complications related to family unity/childcare such as extreme hardship caused to client’s family members in home country who are unsafe, and/or exacerbated trauma to respondent due to prolonged family separation; delaying the hearing for another XX years will impact Respondent’s ability to present witness testimony at the hearing (for example due to inability to ensure witness availability several years from now).]
8. Respondent requests the full three-hour time period for his merits hearing and requests a [LANGUAGE] interpreter.
9. Undersigned counsel attempted contact OPLA Miami on DATE to get DHS’s position on this motion, but was unable to reach the duty attorney.
10. This motion does not prejudice DHS or the Court, but instead serves the interests of efficiency for the Court and the parties.

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Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above, Respondent requests 1) that Respondent's individual hearing scheduled for March 15, 2027 be canceled, and 2) that the Court advance Respondent's individual merits hearing to a date in 2025.

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Respectfully submitted this ____ day of _____, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, [REDACTED], hereby certify that on [REDACTED] I served a copy of the foregoing [REDACTED] to the Office of Chief of Counsel by uploading it onto ECAS, in which the government participates, therefore, no separate service is required.

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