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PM 25-10  
Effective: January 29, 2025

To: All of EOIR  
From: Sirce E. Owen, Acting Director  
Date: January 29, 2025

**CANCELLATION OF DIRECTOR’S MEMORANDUM 24-01 AND REINSTATEMENT  
OF OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM 17-03**

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PURPOSE:	Rescind and Cancel Director’s Memorandum 24-01 and Reinstate Operating Policies and Procedures Memorandum 17-03
OWNER:	Office of the Director
AUTHORITY:	8 C.F.R. § 1003.0(b)
CANCELLATION:	Director’s Memorandum 24-01

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On December 21, 2023, the EOIR Director issued Director’s Memorandum (DM) 24-01, rescinding Operating Policies and Procedures Memorandum Policy Memorandum (OPPM) 17-03, *Guidelines for Immigration Court Cases Involving Juveniles, Including Unaccompanied Alien Children*. No reason was given for the rescission, and none is readily apparent; in fact, OPPM 17-03 had worked well for approximately six years at the time of its rescission, and parts of it were retained in DM 24-01 without acknowledgment or explanation. In the absence of any reasonable explanation for the change and in light of current Executive Branch policies, retaining DM 24-01 would not be appropriate.

Accordingly, DM 24-01 is rescinded and cancelled, and OPPM 17-03 is reinstated. Any references in OPPM 17-03 that have been superseded—*e.g.* references to EOIR’s Child Abuse and Human Trafficking Protocols—should be read to refer to current sources now in effect. Finally, for consistency, OPPM 17-03 may also be referred to as Policy Memorandum, or PM, 17-03.

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