Continued Expansion of Immigrant Visa Processing in Havana to Include All Immediate Relative Categories

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U.S. Embassy Havana will schedule all immediate relative immigrant visa appointments at the U.S. Embassy in Havana, to include spouses and children under 21 of U.S. citizens (IR/CR-1 and IR/CR-2), with interviews beginning in July 2022. This is in addition to applicants in the IR-5 category (parent of a U.S. Citizen) that began processing in Havana in May 2022. This increase is part of the broader expansion of the Embassy's functions to facilitate diplomatic and civil society engagement and to provide consular services. As we work to expand services, U.S. Embassy Georgetown in Guyana will remain the primary processing location for all other Cuban immigrant visa applicants.

IR/CR-1 and IR/CR-2 applicants notified on or after June 8, 2022 that their case is ready to be processed will have their interview scheduled at Embassy Havana, not Embassy Georgetown. IR/CR-1 and IR/CR-2 applicants who were notified <u>prior</u> to June 8, 2022 that their case was ready to be processed will be interviewed at Embassy Georgetown. Interviews in these categories will begin in July. Due to resource constraints, neither the U.S. Embassy in Havana nor the U.S. Embassy in Georgetown will be able to assist with requests to transfer cases.

We will continue to evaluate, as conditions permit, further expansion of visa processing in Havana. Embassy Havana's Consular Section will continue to provide essential American Citizens Services and limited emergency nonimmigrant visa processing. Please continue to review the embassy's website for updates at <u>https://cu.usembassy.gov/consular-services-availableat-u-s-embassy-havana/</u>.