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## Memorandum

TO: All Asylum Office Personnel

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SUBJECT: Release of Updated Asylum Division Officer Training Course (ADOTC) Lesson Plans, *Credible Fear of Persecution and Torture Determinations*, and *Reasonable Fear of Persecution and Torture Determinations*

This memorandum announces the release of updated versions of the ADOTC Lesson Plans, *Credible Fear of Persecution and Torture Determinations*, and *Reasonable Fear of Persecution and Torture Determinations*.

The ADOTC lesson plans on credible fear and reasonable fear screenings have been revised, consistent with Executive Order 13767 of January 25, 2017, Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements. Executive Summaries, included as attachments, describe the changes made to the Credible Fear Lesson Plan and the Reasonable Fear Lesson Plan.

Asylum Offices shall train all relevant staff on the revised lesson plans as soon as practicable, but no later than February 28, 2017. The lesson plans will be effective as of February 27, and will be used at ADOTC and other Asylum Division trainings.

If you have any questions, please contact the Asylum Division Quality Assurance Branch Chief and/or email the Asylum QA – Credible Fear mailbox or Asylum QA – Reasonable Fear mailbox.

### Attachments:

1. ADOTC Lesson Plan, *Credible Fear of Persecution and Torture Determinations*.
2. ADOTC Lesson Plan, *Reasonable Fear of Persecution and Torture Determinations*.
3. Executive Summary of Changes to the Credible Fear Lesson Plan.
4. Executive Summary of Changes to the Reasonable Fear Lesson Plan.