## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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| HAMED SUFYAN OTHMAN |  |
| ALMAQRAMI, et al., |  |
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| Plaintiffs, |  |
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| v. | Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-01533-TSC |
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| REX W. TILLERSON, in his official |  |
| capacity as Secretary of State, et al., |  |
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| Defendants. |  |
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## DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' STATUS UPDATE

Defendants write in response to Plaintiffs’ Status Update (ECF No. 58), which provides two misleading statistics.

First, Defendants previously informed the Court that the "total number of diversity visas that were actually issued for fiscal year 2017 was 49,976." (ECF No. 52-1 at 『 5). Citing Defendants' website, Plaintiffs now claim that Defendants' report was inaccurate, and that only 49,067 diversity visas were issued in fiscal year 2017. (ECF No. 57 at 2 (citing Table III, Immigrant Visas Issued (by Foreign State of Chargeability or Place of Birth, Fiscal Year 2017, U.S. Dep’t of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/visas/ Statistics/AnnualReports/FY2017AnnualReport/FY17AnnualReport-TableIII.pdf)). To the contrary, Defendants accurately reported the number of individuals who were issued diversity visas and/or became lawful permanent residents of the United States (also known as "LPRs" and "green card holders") under the diversity program. Plaintiffs are pointing to the wrong statistic.

The problem with Plaintiffs' statistic is that it is underinclusive, counting only the number of diversity visas issued for fiscal year 2017. While the parties and the Court have referred in writing and during oral argument to an annual statutory cap of 50,000 diversity visas, more precisely that cap actually limits the number of aliens that may obtain immigrant status through the diversity visa program each year. 8 U.S.C. § 1151(e) ("The worldwide level of diversity immigrants is equal to $[50,000]$ for each fiscal year." (emphasis added)). But being admitted to the United States on an immigrant visa is not the only path to becoming an immigrant. E.g., id. § 1255. As Defendants previously explained, an alien selected in the diversity lottery may seek to immigrate through one of two routes: either by applying for a visa from the Department of State and then being admitted to the United States if he or she is located abroad, or by applying for adjustment of status through U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS"), a component of the Department of Homeland Security, if the alien is already present within the United States. Decl. of Charles Oppenheim (ECF No. 47-2 at 9 3); see 8 U.S.C. § 1255(a). ${ }^{1}$

The 50,000 cap for diversity immigrants encompasses both groups of aliens. See 8 U.S.C. § 1151(e). A large number of diversity-lottery selectees are already present in the United States when selected and, rather than leave the United States to process abroad, they apply to adjust status through the diversity lottery program, drawing from the same limited number of diversity visas available for allocation to individuals abroad. See id. § 1255(a)(2)-(3) (conditioning the adjustment of a domestically-present alien's status on the availability of a visa number, even

[^0]though such alien does not need, and will not actually receive, a visa). The need to coordinate the two agencies' issuance of diversity benefits and ensure they collectively stay under the statutory cap is part of the reason why the Department of State allocates diversity-visa numbers. See (ECF No. 42-3 at 9Tl 3-4, 7-8).

Because Plaintiffs are all abroad, only visa applications have been at issue in this case. Nevertheless, Plaintiffs were competing during fiscal year 2017 with diversity-lottery selectees in the United States who were applying to adjust status without the need for a visa.

This background explains the supposed discrepancy between the figure Defendants reported to the Court and the number Plaintiffs found online. The title of the chart cited by Plaintiffs is "Immigrant Visas Issued," and that chart’s "Worldwide Grant Total[]" of 49,067 refers to the number of diversity visas issued. Because that chart does not include aliens who became diversity immigrants by adjusting status through USCIS, it does not account for the total number of aliens who became diversity immigrants in fiscal year 2017 and thus does not completely answer the question of whether the statutory cap of 50,000 was reached.

On the same webpage cited by Plaintiffs, the Department of State has posted the total number of diversity immigrants - reflecting those who adjusted status within the United States as well as those who obtained visas abroad - in a separate, broader chart entitled "Immigrant Number Use for Visa Issuances and Adjustments of Status in the Diversity Immigrant Category." Table IV, Immigrant Number Use for Visa Issuances and Adjustments of Status in the Diversity Immigrant Category, Fiscal Years 2008-2017, U.S. Dep’t of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/visas/Statistics/AnnualReports/FY2017AnnualReport/FY17

AnnualReport-TableVII.pdf (emphasis added) (also attached as Ex. A). That chart lists the "Grand Total[]" of diversity immigrants in fiscal year 2017 as 49,976-the same exact number

Defendants previously reported to the Court. Id. at 6. In other words, Defendants provided visa numbers for visa issuance and adjustment of status for 49,976 diversity immigrants, or just 24 short of the statutory maximum.

The second figure cited by Plaintiffs' Status Report is 27,241, the number of diversityvisa numbers for fiscal year 2017 that were returned unused over the fiscal year. Plaintiffs claim, "Because over 27,000 visa numbers were returned unused, a sufficient quantity of visas exist to issue an immigrant visa to each member of the proposed class." (ECF No. 57 at II 2).

As explained above and in past briefing, the diversity-visa number system is simply an administrative tool to ensure as many qualified aliens as possible become diversity immigrants without exceeding the statutory cap. Decl. of Charles Oppenheim (ECF No. 47-2 at ब 4). Many more visa numbers are allocated than Defendants anticipate will be used such that diversity-visa numbers are regularly returned. Id. A lottery selectee who is found eligible for a visa needs more than just a diversity-visa number to become a diversity immigrant; the fiscal year deadline must not have passed. 8 U.S.C. §§ 1151(e), 1154(a)(1)(I)(ii). Because fiscal year 2017 has ended, Plaintiffs thus cannot become diversity immigrants through that year's program. See id. § 1154(a)(1)(I)(ii)(I); see generally Defs.' Mot to Dismiss (ECF No. 53). But even if Plaintiffs could somehow surmount the statute's clear language on that point, the number of fiscal year 2017 diversity-visa numbers available to Plaintiffs would be the total number of possible diversity immigrants, 50,000, minus the number of aliens who became diversity immigrants, 49,976. That would leave only 24 visas or opportunities to adjust status - not 27,241. The latter figure is thus irrelevant to whether Plaintiffs are currently eligible for diversity visas (which they are not). The number's only relevance is to show that tens of thousands of individuals are in the position of Plaintiffs - diversity visa selectees who, due to the numerical and timing limits, were
unable to apply for or be issued a diversity visa. Preferring Plaintiffs over those many other disappointed selectees would be inappropriate and unwarranted.

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Table VII
Immigrant Number Use for Visa Issuances and Adjustments of Status in the Diversity Immigrant Category
Fiscal Years 2008-2017

## Africa

| Algeria | 823 | 798 | 797 | 846 | 343 | 1,058 | 971 | 1,093 | 1,277 | 996 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Angola | 4 | 14 | 6 | 15 | 7 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 37 | 12 |
| Benin | 183 | 198 | 223 | 220 | 82 | 230 | 182 | 193 | 282 | 237 |
| Botswana | 10 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Burkina Faso | 117 | 92 | 109 | 117 | 103 | 223 | 120 | 122 | 132 | 138 |
| Burundi | 9 | 22 | 42 | 28 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 47 | 64 | 75 |
| Cabo Verde | 0 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 2 |
| Cameroon | 1,190 | 1,530 | 1,581 | 1,706 | 847 | 1,619 | 1,289 | 1,455 | 1,625 | 1,214 |
| Central African Republic | 0 | 3 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 2 |
| Chad | 7 | 10 | 6 | 16 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 18 | 10 |
| Comoros | 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Congo, Dem. Rep. of the | 511 | 601 | 924 | 1,522 | 1,221 | 2,235 | 2,442 | 2,641 | 2,778 | 2,669 |
| Congo, Rep. of the | 43 | 20 | 34 | 45 | 12 | 47 | 55 | 49 | 50 | 42 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | 194 | 215 | 230 | 297 | 156 | 325 | 376 | 377 | 510 | 442 |
| Djibouti | 15 | 11 | 9 | 18 | 8 | 18 | 13 | 18 | 33 | 32 |
| Egypt | 3,310 | 3,651 | 3,253 | 3,268 | 2,013 | 3,383 | 3,500 | 3,456 | 2,855 | 3,580 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Eritrea | 302 | 392 | 368 | 381 | 144 | 245 | 173 | 186 | 149 | 81 |
| Ethiopia | 3,549 | 3,690 | 3,774 | 3,536 | 1,419 | 2,393 | 2,543 | 2,469 | 2,143 | 2,560 |
| Gabon | 18 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 18 | 12 | 9 | 13 |
| Gambia, The | 7 | 26 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 11 | 7 | 13 | 6 | 15 |
| Ghana | 1,868 | 1,912 | 2,660 | 2,460 | 1,689 | 1,895 | 1,460 | 526 | 432 | 803 |
| Guinea | 109 | 86 | 268 | 185 | 113 | 257 | 264 | 262 | 293 | 205 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Kenya | 2,187 | 2,365 | 2,420 | 1,918 | 752 | 1,281 | 1,216 | 903 | 1,116 | 1,014 |
| Lesotho | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Liberia | 580 | 831 | 848 | 1,003 | 786 | 1,231 | 1,754 | 1,744 | 1,553 | 997 |
| Libya | 23 | 56 | 70 | 44 | 60 | 82 | 51 | 72 | 127 | 115 |
| Madagascar | 13 | 27 | 15 | 17 | 3 | 23 | 17 | 9 | 29 | 2 |
| Malawi | 20 | 13 | 17 | 13 | 1 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 0 | 10 |
| Mali | 34 | 43 | 38 | 23 | 20 | 29 | 21 | 23 | 39 | 15 |
| Mauritania | 3 | 8 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 13 |
| Mauritius | 22 | 21 | 20 | 24 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 11 | 2 |
| Morocco | 2,129 | 2,004 | 1,782 | 987 | 376 | 894 | 864 | 912 | 1,115 | 1,080 |
| Western Sahara | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 2,129 | 2,004 | 1,782 | 987 | 376 | 894 | 864 | 912 | 1,115 | 1,080 |
| Mozambique | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Namibia | 0 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 5 |
| Niger | 42 | 21 | 20 | 20 | 3 | 18 | 18 | 15 | 15 | 6 |
| Nigeria | 3,425 | 3,275 | 2,834 | 2,810 | 1,887 | 3,274 | 2,467 | - | - | - |
| Rwanda | 44 | 32 | 65 | 64 | 43 | 158 | 139 | 199 | 242 | 161 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Senegal | 104 | 163 | 128 | 128 | 51 | 91 | 109 | 104 | 139 | 98 |
| Seychelles | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

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| Sierra Leone | 438 | 547 | 314 | 317 | 287 | 719 | 449 | 354 | 383 | 340 |
| Somalia | 40 | 70 | 71 | 52 | 28 | 78 | 46 | 59 | 104 | 56 |
| South Africa | 235 | 301 | 303 | 309 | 225 | 319 | 217 | 197 | 182 | 215 |
| South Sudan | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| Sudan | 502 | 592 | 557 | 569 | 308 | 436 | 965 | 1,191 | 1,833 | 1,174 |
| Swaziland | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Tanzania | 72 | 137 | 65 | 81 | 62 | 51 | 28 | 60 | 32 | 46 |
| Togo | 469 | 483 | 507 | 526 | 281 | 514 | 565 | 547 | 688 | 504 |
| Tunisia | 43 | 53 | 68 | 42 | 26 | 49 | 40 | 38 | 100 | 63 |
| Uganda | 152 | 170 | 158 | 211 | 111 | 204 | 184 | 171 | 166 | 92 |
| Zambia | 65 | 38 | 41 | 48 | 18 | 39 | 18 | 33 | 20 | 17 |
| Zimbabwe | 47 | 96 | 65 | 89 | 42 | 68 | 32 | 47 | 85 | 44 |
| Africa Total | 22,960 | 4,648 | 4,745 | 4,015 | 3,582 | 3,607 | 2,703 | 19,686 | 20,706 | 19,211 |

## Asia

| Afghanistan | 32 | 46 | 66 | 25 | 43 | 59 | 95 | 28 | 192 | 144 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Bahrain | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Bangladesh | 2,286 | 2,663 | 3,017 | 3,090 | 295 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bhutan | 7 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 7 |
| Brunei | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Burma | 113 | 371 | 282 | 253 | 197 | 267 | 200 | 88 | 140 | 148 |
| Cambodia | 92 | 120 | 132 | 168 | 188 | 399 | 334 | 152 | 266 | 198 |
| China - Taiwan born | 275 | 251 | 231 | 214 | 158 | 160 | 215 | 103 | 167 | 160 |
| Hong Kong S.A.R. | 48 | 32 | 23 | 27 | 10 | 40 | 46 | 34 | 55 | 18 |
| Indonesia | 156 | 122 | 122 | 89 | 100 | 66 | 68 | 44 | 45 | 41 |
| Iran | 841 | 1,117 | 1,854 | 2,023 | 2,428 | 3,802 | 2,386 | 2,661 | 2,788 | 2,106 |
| Iraq | 88 | 50 | 37 | 57 | 36 | 66 | 49 | 23 | 146 | 150 |
| Israel | 47 | 43 | 30 | 41 | 45 | 74 | 58 | 20 | 35 | 34 |
| Japan | 282 | 207 | 199 | 177 | 216 | 287 | 269 | 143 | 194 | 117 |
| Jordan | 25 | 95 | 72 | 87 | 62 | 122 | 181 | 72 | 176 | 96 |
| Korea, North | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kuwait | 22 | 10 | 29 | 25 | 31 | 66 | 58 | 29 | 59 | 45 |
| Laos | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lebanon | 77 | 83 | 46 | 56 | 94 | 87 | 58 | 52 | 72 | 41 |
| Malaysia | 39 | 30 | 41 | 48 | 27 | 20 | 38 | 14 | 48 | 30 |
| Maldives | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mongolia | 199 | 129 | 108 | 209 | 91 | 116 | 79 | 55 | 157 | 97 |
| Nepal | 2,073 | 1,615 | 1,936 | 2,017 | 1,953 | 3,377 | 3,504 | 3,370 | 3,247 | 3,477 |
| Oman | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Qatar | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 9 |
| Saudi Arabia | 29 | 37 | 34 | 41 | 56 | 88 | 109 | 89 | 124 | 111 |
| Singapore | 21 | 14 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 6 | 32 | 2 | 12 | 9 |
| Sri Lanka | 466 | 548 | 441 | 336 | 217 | 296 | 301 | 201 | 324 | 160 |
| Syria | 40 | 53 | 37 | 67 | 72 | 91 | 138 | 134 | 164 | 128 |
| Thailand | 45 | 49 | 32 | 36 | 22 | 31 | 19 | 26 | 31 | 19 |

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| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Timor-Leste | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| United Arab Emirates | 3 | 11 | 5 | 22 | 41 | 40 | 36 | 40 | 28 | 31 |
| Yemen | 22 | 51 | 33 | 40 | 66 | 195 | 200 | 171 | 397 | 267 |
| Asia Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Europe

| Albania | 2,057 | 2,033 | 1,645 | 965 | 528 | 994 | 1,571 | 1,910 | 1,506 | 2,436 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Andorra | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Armenia | 837 | 950 | 1,001 | 1,013 | 644 | 903 | 1,272 | 1,556 | 1,000 | 1,566 |
| Austria | 30 | 54 | 56 | 69 | 34 | 42 | 24 | 48 | 10 | 34 |
| Azerbaijan | 163 | 217 | 207 | 222 | 149 | 190 | 190 | 289 | 204 | 434 |
| Belarus | 769 | 780 | 734 | 684 | 285 | 848 | 844 | 868 | 568 | 801 |
| Belgium | 32 | 39 | 54 | 26 | 47 | 39 | 24 | 34 | 13 | 42 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 31 | 62 | 37 | 33 | 44 | 30 | 39 | 77 | 48 | 84 |
| Bulgaria | 1,093 | 753 | 571 | 653 | 456 | 965 | 1,026 | 834 | 614 | 540 |
| Croatia | 18 | 36 | 29 | 20 | 34 | 20 | 41 | 30 | 22 | 27 |
| Cyprus | 5 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Czech Republic | 81 | 37 | 42 | 34 | 23 | 30 | 41 | 38 | 28 | 20 |
| Denmark | 23 | 12 | 34 | 17 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 17 | 14 | 21 |
| Faroe Islands | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Greenland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 23 | 12 | 34 | 17 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 17 | 14 | 21 |
| Estonia | 19 | 16 | 13 | 21 | 12 | 23 | 17 | 21 | 10 | 13 |
| Finland | 9 | 22 | 34 | 40 | 35 | 25 | 16 | 29 | 22 | 29 |
| France | 308 | 241 | 272 | 275 | 186 | 228 | 326 | 346 | 211 | 258 |
| French Guiana | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| French Polynesia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| French Southern and Antarctic Lands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Guadeloupe | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Martinique | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| New Caledonia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reunion | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| St. Barthelemy | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Saint Martin | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| St. Pierre and Miquelon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wallis and Futuna | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 314 | 243 | 272 | 275 | 187 | 229 | 327 | 346 | 211 | 258 |
| Georgia | 284 | 360 | 441 | 461 | 293 | 411 | 345 | 507 | 368 | 548 |
| Germany | 817 | 910 | 964 | 860 | 595 | 584 | 497 | 535 | 293 | 284 |
| Greece | 84 | 76 | 43 | 42 | 30 | 54 | 79 | 98 | 54 | 96 |
| Hungary | 82 | 138 | 65 | 125 | 80 | 112 | 103 | 121 | 79 | 83 |
| Iceland | 4 | 9 | 30 | 13 | 15 | 15 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 9 |
| Ireland | 51 | 51 | 61 | 87 | 76 | 52 | 44 | 50 | 36 | 31 |
| Italy | 128 | 161 | 167 | 186 | 207 | 157 | 282 | 289 | 194 | 244 |
| Kazakhstan | 172 | 200 | 201 | 236 | 237 | 316 | 325 | 460 | 243 | 460 |

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| Kosovo | 2 | 50 | 91 | 83 | 71 | 126 | 95 | 146 | 164 | 318 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 132 | 122 | 130 | 147 | 182 | 189 | 235 | 286 | 135 | 223 |
| Latvia | 19 | 41 | 36 | 70 | 22 | 57 | 57 | 30 | 31 | 22 |
| Liechtenstein | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lithuania | 128 | 106 | 133 | 167 | 129 | 141 | 156 | 167 | 91 | 96 |
| Luxembourg | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Macedonia | 219 | 205 | 150 | 177 | 68 | 148 | 183 | 263 | 206 | 235 |
| Malta | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moldova | 279 | 273 | 399 | 582 | 684 | 906 | 1,211 | 1,566 | 1,189 | 1,369 |
| Monaco | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Montenegro | 8 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Netherlands | 68 | 103 | 80 | 52 | 61 | 35 | 71 | 46 | 40 | 31 |
| Aruba | 6 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Curacao | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Netherlands Antilles | 3 | 12 | 1 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sint Maarten | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 77 | 119 | 81 | 54 | 64 | 39 | 71 | 47 | 40 | 31 |
| Northern Ireland | 3 | 13 | 10 | 17 | 15 | 14 | 18 | 15 | 6 | 4 |
| Norway | 10 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| Svalbard | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 10 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| Poland | - | - | - | - | - | 829 | 500 | 412 | 327 | 287 |
| Portugal | 12 | 16 | 9 | 17 | 16 | 20 | 27 | 29 | 11 | 15 |
| Macau | 11 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 17 | 8 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 23 | 19 | 17 | 19 | 22 | 24 | 30 | 46 | 19 | 16 |
| Romania | 876 | 343 | 366 | 482 | 589 | 423 | 498 | 539 | 342 | 321 |
| Russia | - | - | 1,095 | 1,552 | 1,096 | 1,680 | 1,928 | 2,028 | 1,401 | 1,812 |
| San Marino | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Serbia | 351 | 211 | 158 | 156 | 120 | 171 | 206 | 216 | 213 | 314 |
| Slovakia | 67 | 45 | 43 | 37 | 17 | 36 | 36 | 44 | 26 | 31 |
| Slovenia | 6 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 12 |
| Spain | 56 | 75 | 80 | 86 | 75 | 95 | 183 | 183 | 101 | 108 |
| Sweden | 50 | 46 | 54 | 43 | 62 | 62 | 35 | 48 | 46 | 53 |
| Switzerland | 71 | 96 | 79 | 69 | 50 | 40 | 61 | 56 | 31 | 35 |
| Tajikistan | 66 | 80 | 121 | 182 | 152 | 209 | 248 | 339 | 239 | 419 |
| Turkey | 972 | 1,041 | 1,058 | 993 | 899 | 712 | 1,084 | 1,245 | 796 | 1,386 |
| Turkmenistan | 78 | 59 | 77 | 85 | 72 | 70 | 106 | 105 | 75 | 93 |
| Ukraine | 1,914 | 1,714 | 1,807 | 1,676 | 1,439 | 1,844 | 1,770 | 1,313 | 1,787 | 2,040 |
| Uzbekistan | 2,274 | 2,388 | 3,356 | 3,596 | 3,212 | 3,385 | 3,032 | 2,524 | 2,378 | 3,199 |
| Vatican City | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## North America

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| North America Total | 5 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 3 |

Oceania

| Australia | 238 | 187 | 285 | 275 | 292 | 433 | 406 | 486 | 331 | 398 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\quad$ Christmas Island | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cocos (Keeling) Islands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\quad$ Norfolk Island | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 238 | 187 | 285 | 275 | 292 | 433 | 406 | 491 | 331 | 398 |
| Fiji | 313 | 291 | 232 | 174 | 174 | 254 | 218 | 185 | 130 | 214 |
| Kiribati | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Marshall Islands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Micronesia, Federated States of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nauru | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Zealand | 117 | 84 | 80 | 109 | 87 | 131 | 132 | 149 | 66 | 127 |
| $\quad$ Cook Islands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\quad$ Niue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\quad$ Tokelau | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\quad$ TOTAL | 117 | 84 | 80 | 109 | 87 | 131 | 132 | 149 | 66 | 127 |
| Palau | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Papua New Guinea | 2 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Samoa | 11 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Solomon Islands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tonga | 27 | 27 | 22 | 9 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 1 | 24 |
| Tuvalu | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Vanuatu | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Oceania Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |

South America, Central America, and the

## Caribbean

| Antigua and Barbuda | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Argentina | 60 | 62 | 91 | 57 | 37 | 32 | 73 | 52 | 30 | 36 |
| Barbados | 2 | 3 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 |
| Belize | 7 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Bolivia | 79 | 53 | 76 | 30 | 28 | 33 | 26 | 23 | 24 | 10 |
| Chile | 14 | 31 | 11 | 16 | 6 | 12 | 24 | 10 | 1 | 13 |
| Costa Rica | 3 | 2 | 17 | 12 | 2 | 20 | 25 | 6 | 10 | 13 |
| Cuba | 256 | 190 | 140 | 231 | 70 | 193 | 302 | 474 | 536 | 384 |
| Dominica | 3 | 21 | 15 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Ecuador | 113 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Grenada | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Guatemala | 30 | - | - | - | - | - | 44 | 20 | 9 | 13 |
| Guyana | 7 | 19 | 32 | 30 | 7 | 16 | 6 | 14 | 4 | 2 |
| Honduras | 14 | 10 | 26 | 26 | 23 | 24 | 38 | 31 | 26 | 30 |

Table VII
Immigrant Number Use for Visa Issuances and Adjustments of Status in the Diversity Immigrant Category
Fiscal Years 2008-2017

| Foreign State | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Nicaragua | 14 | 26 | 20 | 22 | 7 | 28 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Panama | 5 | 9 | 17 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Paraguay | 5 | 3 | 17 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Saint Lucia | 2 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 10 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Suriname | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 48 | 76 | 103 | 53 | 43 | 45 | 62 | 53 | 20 | 17 |
| Uruguay | 12 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 8 |
| Venezuela | 155 | 253 | 391 | 448 | 476 | 560 | 802 | 735 | 684 | 1,274 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| South America, Central America, and the |  | $\mathbf{8 3 5}$ | $\mathbf{7 8 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{9 7 8}$ | $\mathbf{7 4 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 0 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 3 7 0}$ |
| Caribbean Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Totals | $\mathbf{4 6 , 6 3 0}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


[^0]:    1 Although USCIS refers to the "diversity visa" process in its public-facing materials, USCIS does not issue visas. See, e.g., Green Card Through the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program, U.S. Citizenship \& Immigrant Servs., https://www.uscis.gov/greencard/diversity-visa (last visited Dec. 12, 2017).

