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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Minneapolis-St. Paul Field Office
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Minneapolis, MN 55401



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

Date: **OCT 27 2017**

Mehdi Ostadhassan
2100 36th Avenue South #307
Grand Forks, ND 58201

MSC1490609089

DECISION

Dear Mehdi Ostadhassan:

Thank you for submitting Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

After a thorough review of your application and supporting documents and your testimony during your interview unfortunately, we must inform you that we are denying your application for the following reason(s).

Generally, to qualify for adjustment under INA 245, an applicant must:

- Be inspected and admitted or paroled into the United States;
- Be eligible to receive an immigrant visa;
- Be admissible to the United States for permanent residence; and
- Have an immigrant visa immediately available at the time the application is filed.

Statement of Facts and Analysis, Including Ground(s) for Denial

You filed Form I-485 based on being the beneficiary of an immigrant petition.

USCIS received your Form I-485 on February 11, 2014, and on September 24, 2015, you appeared for an interview.

INA Section 245 does not contemplate that all aliens who meet the required legal standards will be granted adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident, since the grant of an application for adjustment is a matter of discretion and of administrative grace, not mere eligibility. Matter of Marques, 16 I&N Dec. 314 (BIA 1977). An applicant has the burden of showing that discretion should be exercised in his or her favor. Matter of Patel, 17 I&N Dec. 597 (BIA 1980); Matter of Leung, 16 I&N Dec. 12 (BIA 1976); Matter of Arai, 13 I&N Dec. 494 (BIA 1970).

In explaining section 245, the Regional Commissioner, in Matter of Tanahan, 18 I&N Dec. 339 (Reg. Comm. 1981), stated, in part, that "[T]he determination to grant permanent residence status under section 245 ... lies entirely within the discretion of the Attorney General [and Secretary of

Homeland Security]. An applicant who meets the objective prerequisites for adjustment of status is in no way entitled to that relief.” *Id.*

Where adverse factors are present in any given application for adjustment of status under section 245, it may be necessary for the applicant to offset these factors by showing unusual or even outstanding equities. *Id.* However, an absence of major adverse factors alone does not warrant the grant of adjustment of status. Matter of Blas, 15 I&N Dec. 626 (BIA 1974). The extraordinary discretionary relief provided in section 245 can only be granted in meritorious cases and is not designed to supersede the regular consular visa issuing process. *Id.* In this case, USCIS has determined that your case presents significant adverse factors which are not offset by the equities. Accordingly, USCIS denies your I-485 adjustment of status application as a matter of discretion for the following reasons.

First, USCIS reviewed your Form DS-156, Non-immigrant Visa Application, you submitted in order to obtain your student (F-1) visa. You signed and dated the form on March 20, 2009. Your Form DS-157, Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application, submitted with the DS-156, asks the question (#15), “Have you Ever Performed Military Service?” You answered “No” to this question. Question #14 on the form further asks, “Do you have any specialized skills or training, including firearms, explosives, nuclear, biological, or chemical experience?” You also answered no to this question. However, you testified at your adjustment of status (I-485) interview on September 14, 2015, and noted on your Form I-485 that you did serve in the Iranian military (IRAI) from April 21, 2006, to September 15, 2006. You stated you were given the rank of Second Lieutenant based on your academic degree. You stated you also received firearms training while in the military at your adjustment interview.

Form DS-157 also instructs at Question #13, List all Professional, Social, and Charitable Organizations to Which You Belong (Belonged) or Contribute (Contributed) or With Which You Work (Have Worked). You listed two organizations: SEG (Society of Exploration Geophysicists) and SPE (Society of Petroleum Engineers). However, on the form you failed to list a number of organizations to which you belonged, contributed to, or worked with, including the Union of Islamic Students Association in Europe, France Chapter (Board Member, and Editor-in-Chief of chapter newspaper): January 2007-August 2008, Islamic Students Association (Board Member and Editor-in-Chief of organization newspaper): September 2001 – August 2005, and the Basij Students (Member) 1997-2001. You failed to disclose your membership in these organizations until several years later at your adjustment of status interview on September 14, 2015.

It is further noted that on your Form DS-158, Contact Information and Work History For Nonimmigrant Visa Applicant, which accompanied your DS-156, you failed to list any work experience or employers at all on the form. However, according to your online faculty profile for the University of North Dakota (UND):

“Before starting his appointment at UND, [you] worked for several years in the industry as a petroleum geophysicist at various capacities. [You] also served as the energy division manager for the Atlantic Int. Operations, a UAE based company over a year.” (See University: *University of North Dakota*. N.p., n.d. Web. 09 Dec. 2016).

The consular office issued the F-1 visa to you on July 30, 2009, and you were subsequently admitted to the United States on August 5, 2009.

You failed to disclose your military service, firearms training, and work history in connection with your non-immigrant visa application and accompanying forms. You also failed to disclose

your affiliations and membership in several groups on these forms. Accordingly, by failing to disclose this significant information you were not forthright with the United States government and this constitutes a significant negative factor in the exercise of discretion in this matter.¹

You stated on your I-485 attachment that you were a member of the Basij organization from 1997-2001. According to the Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2015 Iran report: "The Basij, a volunteer paramilitary group with local organizations across the country, sometimes acted as an auxiliary law enforcement unit subordinate to IRGC ground forces. Basij units often engaged in repression of political opposition elements or intimidation of civilians accused of violating the country's strict moral code without formal guidance or supervision from superiors. The supreme leader holds ultimate authority over all security agencies. The security forces were not considered fully effective in combating crime, and corruption and impunity remained problems. Human rights groups frequently accused regular and paramilitary security forces, such as the Basij, of committing numerous human rights abuses, including acts of violence against protesters and participants in public demonstrations. There was no transparent mechanism to investigate or punish security force abuses, and there were few reports of government actions to discipline abusers."²

The State Department's Iran Country Report for 1997, issued at the time you were involved in the Basij organization (1997-2001), indicates: "Paramilitary volunteer forces known as Basijis, and gangs of street thugs, known as the Ansar-e Hezbollah (Helpers of the Party of God), who are often aligned with specific conservative members of the clergy, act as vigilantes. Both regular and paramilitary security forces committed numerous serious human rights abuses. The Basijis, other security forces, and the Ansar-e Hezbollah monitor the social activities of citizens. Such organizations may harass or arrest women whose clothing does not cover the hair and all of the body except the hands and face, or those who wear makeup. Vigilante violence may include attacks on young people believed to be too foreign in their dress or activities, invading private homes, and abusing unmarried couples. Women also have been beaten if caught without proper clothing in public or in private houses when men are present."³ State Department Country Reports from 1998 through 2001 regarding Iran contain similar language and reference that the Basij was involved in human rights abuses.⁴

Your membership and involvement with the Basij organization, which the Department of State specifies had a poor human rights record during the time you were a member, is a significant negative factor in the exercise of discretion in this matter.

USCIS notes that you have resided in the United States since 2009, you are married to a United States citizen, you have not been arrested or convicted of any crime in the United States, and you are a professor at the University of North Dakota.

The Notice of Intent to Deny (NOID) was issued on April 5, 2017 and outlined the above-referenced derogatory information in accordance with 8 C.F.R. 103.2(b)⁵. On May 8, 2017, USCIS received your response through your attorney of record. You submitted a brief from your attorney, an affidavit, the Labour Code for the Islamic Republic of Iran dated November 20,

¹ That this information was not disclosed on the forms may also have affected whether the consulate issued the visa.

² See <https://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/2015/nea/252923.htm>

³ See https://www.state.gov/www/global/human_rights/1997_hrp_report/iran.html

⁴ See https://www.state.gov/www/global/human_rights/1998_hrp_report/iran.html; <https://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/1999/409.htm>; <https://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/2000/nea/786.htm>; <https://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/2001/nea/8251.htm>

⁵ Including, but not limited to 8 CFR 103.2(b)(8);(11);and (16i)

1990, a copy of the Iran Primer regarding the Basij Resistance, a copy of the Iran COI Compilation of the Austrian Center for Country of Origin & Asylum Research and Documentation dated September 2013, a copy of a Country Information and Guidance on Iran from the Independent Advisory Group on Country Information (IAGCI) dated December 2015, and a copy of your son's birth certificate.

In your affidavit submitted in response to the NOID, you state that you never fully completed all of your mandatory military service, and therefore answered "no" to the question regarding military service on your DS-157, Supplemental Nonimmigrant visa application. You state you would have had to answer "no" on government related forms in Iran that ask this similar question, and that this explains why you answered in this manner on your non-immigrant visa application. As noted above however, the question on the DS-157 states: "Have you ever performed military service". The question does not ask whether you *completed* your military service. Thus, your explanation as to why you failed to disclose your military history in response to this question is not credible.

Next, you seek to explain why you don't consider your military weapons training "specialized" training. You stated you only received three hours of training, and never learned to fire a weapon. However, the question on the DS-157 clearly states "Do you have any specialized skills or training, *including firearms*, explosives, nuclear, biological, or chemical experience?" (Emphasis added). You answered "no" even though you had weapons training, and stated you had such training at your September 24, 2015, interview. Moreover, in your affidavit you admit that you received weapons training. You stated in your affidavit that you do not consider the training specialized. However, this explanation is not credible, as weapons training is by nature specialized regardless of the duration of the training. Indeed, this is what the wording of the question on the DS-157 form suggests. The question on the form asks for *any* firearms training without mention of where the training occurred or how much training was received. (Emphasis added).

Additionally, you state you believed you answered the question regarding your work history on the DS-158 honestly. You state it is true you managed projects for Atlantic International Operations for a few months prior to coming to the United States, but did not mention this on your visa application. You stated you failed to list this information because according to Iran's labor rules and regulations this does not qualify as "work". You state you did not receive payment for your work - therefore it is not recorded as employment. Yet in your online professional profile you stated that [you] have "worked for several years in the industry as a petroleum geophysicist at various capacities. [You] also served as the energy division manager for the Atlantic Int. Operations, a UAE based company over a year." You submitted the labor code as support for your argument that you were not paid for this work so this should not be considered work. Your varying representations regarding your employment history and your attempts to reconcile and/or explain away inconsistencies raise issues of your credibility sufficient to conclude that your explanations regarding your work history are not credible.

Similarly, you claimed in your affidavit submitted in response to the NOID that you were a member of the Basij Pupils organization, rather than Basij Students in Iran. You had previously stated you were in Basij Students at your interview on September 24, 2015, and on your amended Form I-485. You later claimed in this affidavit that there is a distinct difference between Pupil Basij, which is for students in high school, while Basij Students is for college students. You claim you did not perform any military service while in Basij Pupils, nor did you participate in any activities other than cultural, scientific and religious activities. You claim you did not participate in any Basij activities after you graduated from high school and that you did not want to join

Basij Student. This contradicts your testimony at your adjustment of status interview and the document you submitted at the interview listing your membership in "Basij Students" from 1997-2001. Country reports indicate that Student Basij is a branch within the Basij, of which members in high school receive access to or benefits at university due to their membership.⁶ Country reports further indicate that each specialized branch of the Basij functions as a counterweight to non-governmental organizations and the perceived threat they pose to the state. The Student Basij balances independent student organizations.⁷ On university campuses, student demonstrators are often attacked by student members of the paramilitary Basij organization or by outside vigilantes.⁸ The power of Student Basij remains enormous and they play a key role in keeping the student body silent and suppressed.⁹ Thus, there are serious doubts regarding the credibility of your new claim that you were not a member of Student Basij. Moreover, by your own definition of affiliation which you stated, "is a less formal relationship with an agreement to do voluntary work on an organization's behalf", you should have listed Basij on your Form I-485 as it would have been considered an affiliation.

After careful review of all the facts, USCIS has determined that your application for adjustment of status is denied as a matter of discretion.

The evidence of record shows that when you filed your application, your lawful nonimmigrant status had already expired. Therefore, you are not authorized to remain in the United States and should make arrangements to depart as soon as possible. Failure to depart may result in your being found ineligible for immigration benefits and inadmissible to the United States in the future. See section 212(a)(9)(B) of the INA.

You may not appeal this decision. However, if you believe that the denial of your Form I-485 is in error, you may file a motion to reopen or a motion to reconsider using Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion. You must submit Form I-290B within 30 calendar days of service of this decision (33 days if the decision was mailed). If USCIS does not receive the motion to reopen or reconsider within the required period, this decision will become final. See Title 8, Code of Federal Regulations (8 CFR), sections 103.5 and 103.8(b). Note: You must follow the most current filing instructions for Form I-290B, which can be found at www.uscis.gov.

To access Form I-290B or if you need additional information, please visit the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov or call our National Customer Service Center toll free at 1-800-375-5283. You may also contact the USCIS office having jurisdiction over your current place of residence.

Sincerely,



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Leslie D. Tritten
Field Office Director

cc: Attorney

⁶ See <http://iranprimer.usip.org/resource/basij-resistance-force>

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⁸ <https://freedomhouse.org/report/countries-crossroads/2007>

⁹ See <http://www.refworld.org/docid/589455784.html>: Iran: Student Protests, including treatment of protestors by authorities (2013-January 2017)". Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

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Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative

Department of Homeland Security

DHS
Form G-28

OMB No. 1615-0105
Expires 03/31/2018

Part 1. Information About Attorney or Accredited Representative

1. USCIS ELIS Account Number (if any)
▶

Name and Address of Attorney or Accredited Representative

2.a. Family Name (Last Name)

2.b. Given Name (First Name)

2.c. Middle Name

3.a. Street Number and Name

3.b. Apt. Ste. Flr.

3.c. City or Town

3.d. State 3.e. ZIP Code

3.f. Province

3.g. Postal Code

3.h. Country

4. Daytime Telephone Number

5. Fax Number

6. E-Mail Address (if any)

7. Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

Part 2. Notice of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative

This appearance relates to immigration matters before
(Select only one box):

1.a. USCIS

1.b. List the form numbers

2.a. ICE

2.b. List the specific matter in which appearance is entered

3.a. CBP

3.b. List the specific matter in which appearance is entered

I enter my appearance as attorney or accredited representative at the request of:

4. Select only one box:
 Applicant Petitioner Requestor
 Respondent (ICE, CBP)

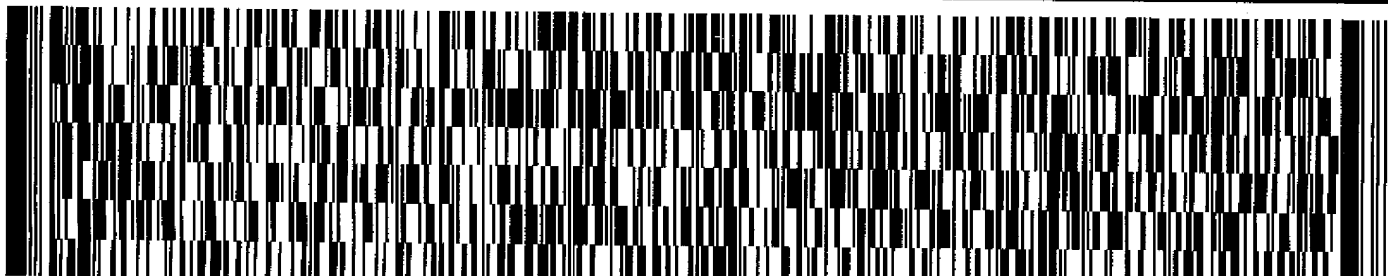
Information About Applicant, Petitioner, Requestor, or Respondent

5.a. Family Name (Last Name)

5.b. Given Name (First Name)

5.c. Middle Name

6. Name of Company or Organization (if applicable)



Part 2. Notice of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative (continued)

Information About Applicant, Petitioner, Requestor, or Respondent (continued)

7. USCIS ELIS Account Number (if any)
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8. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) or Receipt Number

9. Daytime Telephone Number

10. Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

11. E-Mail Address (if any)

Mailing Address of Applicant, Petitioner, Requestor, or Respondent

NOTE: Provide the mailing address of the applicant, petitioner, requestor, or respondent. If the applicant, petitioner, requestor, or respondent has used a safe mailing address on the application, petition, or request being filed with this Form G-28, provide it in these spaces.

12.a. Street Number and Name

12.b. Apt. Ste. Flr.

12.c. City or Town

12.d. State 12.e. ZIP Code

12.f. Province

12.g. Postal Code

12.h. Country

Part 3. Eligibility Information for Attorney or Accredited Representative

Select all applicable items.

1.a. I am an attorney eligible to practice law in, and a member in good standing of, the bar of the highest courts of the following states, possessions, territories, commonwealths, or the District of Columbia. (If you need additional space, use Part 6.)
 Licensing Authority

1.b. Bar Number (if applicable)

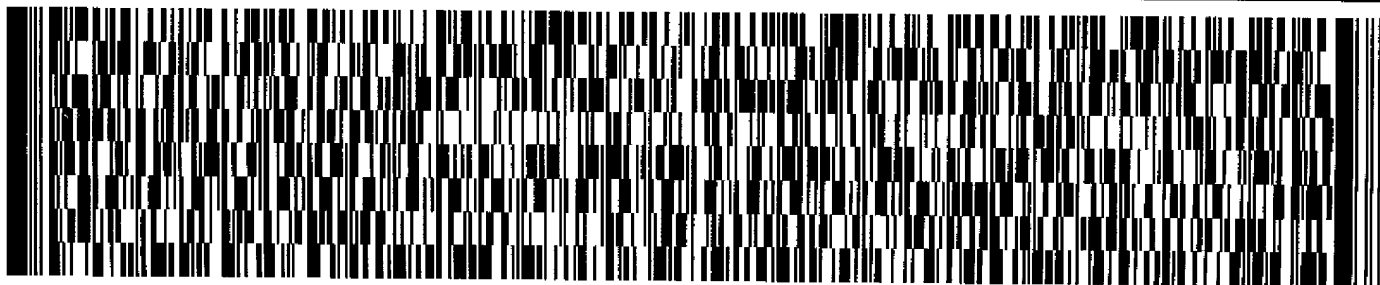
1.c. Name of Law Firm

1.d. I (choose one) am not am subject to any order of any court or administrative agency disbaring, suspending, enjoining, restraining, or otherwise restricting me in the practice of law. If you are subject to any orders, explain in the space below. (If you need additional space, use Part 6.)

2.a. I am an accredited representative of the following qualified nonprofit religious, charitable, social service, or similar organization established in the United States, so recognized by the Department of Justice, Board of Immigration Appeals, in accordance with 8 CFR 292.2. Provide the name of the organization and the expiration date of accreditation.

2.b. Name of Recognized Organization

2.c. Date accreditation expires (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶



Part 3. Eligibility Information for Attorney or Accredited Representative (continued)

3. I am associated with
the attorney or accredited representative of record who previously filed Form G-28 in this case, and my appearance as an attorney or accredited representative is at his or her request.

NOTE: If you select this item, also complete **Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.b. or Item Numbers 2.a. - 2.c. in Part 3. (whichever is appropriate).**

4.a. I am a law student or law graduate working under the direct supervision of the attorney or accredited representative of record on this form in accordance with the requirements in 8 CFR 292.1(a)(2)(iv).

4.b. Name of Law Student or Law Graduate

Part 4. Applicant, Petitioner, Requestor, or Respondent Consent to Representation, Contact Information, and Signature

Consent to Representation and Release of Information

I. I have requested the representation of and consented to being represented by the attorney or accredited representative named in **Part 1.** of this form. According to the Privacy Act of 1974 and DHS policy, I also consent to the disclosure to the named attorney or accredited representative of any record pertaining to me that appears in any system of records of USCIS, ICE or CBP.

When you (the applicant, petitioner, requestor, or respondent) are represented, DHS will send notices to both you and your attorney or accredited representative either through mail or electronic delivery.

DHS will also send the Form I-94, Arrival Departure Record, to you **unless** you select **Item Number 2.a.** in **Part 4.** All secure identity documents and Travel Documents will be sent to you (the applicant, petitioner, requestor, or respondent) unless you ask us to send those documents to your attorney of record or accredited representative.

If you do not want to receive original notices or secure identity documents directly, but would rather have such notices and documents sent to your attorney of record or accredited representative, please select **all applicable** boxes below:

2.a. I request DHS send any notice (including Form I-94) on an application, petition, or request to the business address of my attorney of record or accredited representative as listed in this form. I understand that I may change this election at any future date through written notice to DHS.

2.b. I request that DHS send any secure identity document, such as a Permanent Resident Card, Employment Authorization Document, or Travel Document, that I am approved to receive and authorized to possess, to the business address of my attorney of record or accredited representative as listed in this form. I consent to having my secure identity document sent to my attorney of record or accredited representative and understand that I may request, at any future date and through written notice to DHS, that DHS send any secure identity document to me directly.

3.a. Signature of Applicant, Petitioner, Requestor, or Respondent

3.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

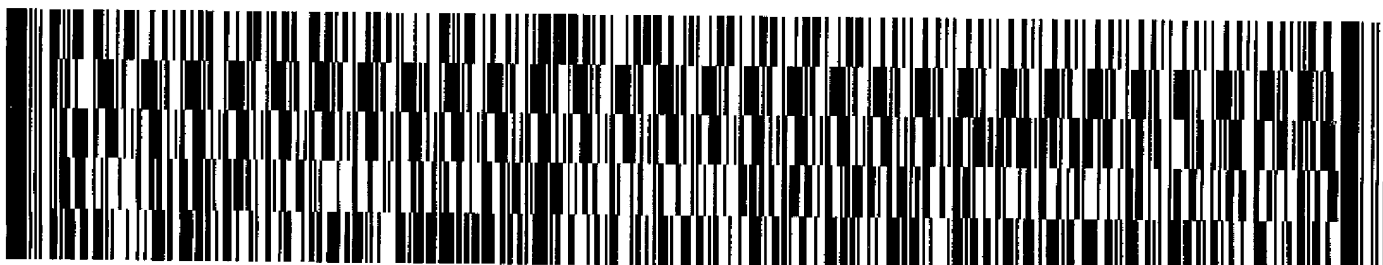
Part 5. Signature of Attorney or Accredited Representative

I have read and understand the regulations and conditions contained in 8 CFR 103.2 and 292 governing appearances and representation before the Department of Homeland Security. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the information I have provided on this form is true and correct.

1. Signature of Attorney or Accredited Representative

2. Signature of Law Student or Law Graduate

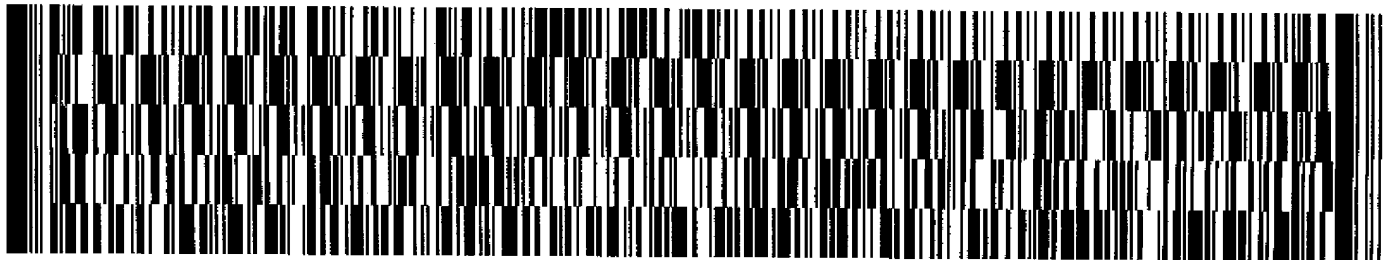
3. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶



Part 6. Additional Information

Use the space below to provide additional information pertaining to Part 3., Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.d.

Area for providing additional information, consisting of a large grid of horizontal lines.



Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

For USCIS Use Only

START HERE - Type or Print (Use black ink)

Part 1. Information About You

Family Name (Last Name) Ostadhassan Given Name (First Name) Mehdi Middle Name Zohreh

Address - Street Number and Name 2961 24th Ave S 715 N 40th St ZIP Code 58203

C/O (in care of) _____

City Grand Forks State North Dakota ZIP Code 58201

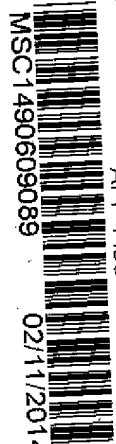
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Country of Birth Iran

Country of Citizenship/Nationality Iran/Iranian U.S. Social Security No. (if any) _____ A-Number (if any) _____

Date of Last Arrival (mm/dd/yyyy) 08/05/2009 Start 2014 Expires on (mm/dd/yyyy) 687720698 21

Current USCIS Status 17 mnth(OPT) Stem extension Expires on (mm/dd/yyyy) 01/19/2015

Moved Aug 2015

Returned	Receipt
Resubmitted	 <p>MSC1490609089</p> <p>APP 1485</p> <p>02/11/2014</p>
Reloc Sent	
Reloc Rec'd	
Applicant Interviewed	
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Part 2. Application Type (Check one)

- I am applying for an adjustment to permanent resident status because:
- a. An immigrant petition giving me an immediately available immigrant visa number that has been approved. (Attach a copy of the approval notice, or a relative, special immigrant juvenile, or special immigrant military visa petition filed with this application that will give you an immediately available visa number, if approved.)
 - b. My spouse or parent applied for adjustment of status or was granted lawful permanent residence in an immigrant visa category that allows derivative status for spouses and children.
 - c. I entered as a K-1 fiancé(e) of a U.S. citizen whom I married within 90 days of entry, or I am the K-2 child of such a fiancé(e). (Attach a copy of the fiancé(e) petition approval notice and the marriage certificate.)
 - d. I was granted asylum or derivative asylum status as the spouse or child of a person granted asylum and am eligible for adjustment.
 - e. I am a native or citizen of Cuba admitted or paroled into the United States after January 1, 1959, and thereafter have been physically present in the United States for at least 1 year.
 - f. I am the husband, wife, or minor unmarried child of a Cuban described above in (e), and I am residing with that person, and was admitted or paroled into the United States after January 1, 1959, and thereafter have been physically present in the United States for at least 1 year.
 - g. I have continuously resided in the United States since before January 1, 1972.
 - h. Other basis of eligibility. Explain (for example, I was admitted as a refugee, my status has not been terminated, and I have been physically present in the United States for 1 year after admission). If additional space is needed, see Page 3 of the instructions.

Section of Law

- Sec. 209(a), INA
- Sec. 209(b), INA
- Sec. 13, Act of 9/11/57
- Sec. 245, INA
- Sec. 249, INA
- Sec. 1 Act of 11/2/66
- Sec. 2 Act of 11/2/66
- Other

Country Chargeable Iran

Eligibility Under Sec. 245

- Approved Visa Petition
- Dependent of Principal Alien
- Special Immigrant
- Other

Preference CR1 as of

Action Block

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

DENIED

AUG 09 2017

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

I am already a permanent resident and am applying to have the date I was granted permanent residence adjusted to the date I originally arrived in the United States as a nonimmigrant or parolee, or as of May 2, 1964, whichever date is later, and: (Check one)

- i. I am a native or citizen of Cuba and meet the description in (e) above.
- j. I am the husband, wife, or minor unmarried child of a Cuban and meet the description in (f) above.

To be Completed by

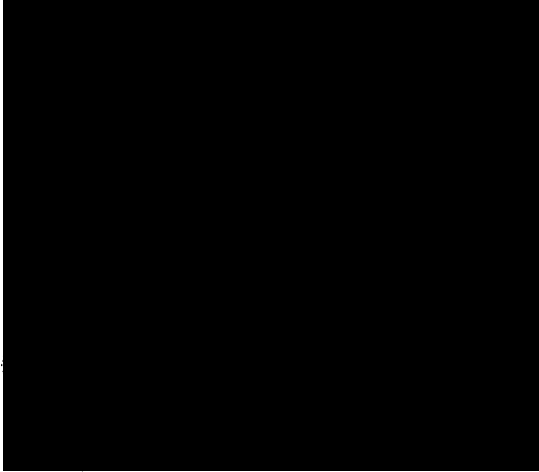
Attorney or Representative, if any

Fill in box if Form G-28 is attached to represent the applicant.

VOLAG No _____

ATFY State License No. _____





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Part 3. Processing Information

A. City/Town/Village of Birth **Current Occupation**

Your Mother's First Name **Your Father's First Name**

Give your name exactly as it appears on your Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record

Place of Last Entry Into the United States (City/State) **In what status did you last enter? (Visitor, student, exchange visitor, crewman, temporary worker, without inspection, etc.)**

Were you inspected by a U.S. Immigration Officer? Yes No

Nonimmigrant Visa Number **Consulate Where Visa Was Issued**

Date Visa Issued (mm/dd/yyyy) **Gender** Male Female **Marital Status** Married Single Divorced Widowed

Have you ever applied for permanent resident status in the U.S.? Yes (If "Yes" give date and place of filing and final disposition.) No

B. List your present spouse and all of your children (include adult sons and daughters). (If you have none, write "None." If additional space is needed, see Page 3 of the instructions.)

Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Initial	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Country of Birth	Relationship	A-Number (if any)	Applying with you?
United States	Spouse		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Initial	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Country of Birth	Relationship	A-Number (if any)	Applying with you?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Initial	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Country of Birth	Relationship	A-Number (if any)	Applying with you?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Initial	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Country of Birth	Relationship	A-Number (if any)	Applying with you?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Initial	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Country of Birth	Relationship	A-Number (if any)	Applying with you?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>



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Part 3. Processing Information (Continued)

C. List your present and past membership in or affiliation with every organization, association, fund, foundation, party, club, society, or similar group in the United States or in other places since your 16th birthday. Include any military service in this part. If none, write "None." Include the name of each organization, location, nature, and dates of membership. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet of paper. Continuation pages must be submitted according to the guidelines provided on Page 3 of the instructions under **General Instructions**.

Name of Organization	Location and Nature	Date of Membership From	Date of Membership To
IRIAF	Tehran, Iran - mandatory military service	04/21/2006	09/15/2006
SPE	USA, Iran and France - Petroleum	10/07/2003	Present
SEG	USA and France - Petroleum	07/01/2007	Present
AAPG	USA - Petroleum	04/24/2011	Present
<i>See Attachment</i>			

Answer the following questions. (If your answer is "Yes" to any question, explain on a separate piece of paper. Continuation pages must be submitted according to the guidelines provided on Page 3 of the instructions under **General Instructions**. Information about documentation that must be include with your application is also provide in this section.) Answering "Yes" does not necessarily mean that you are not entitled to adjust status or register for permanent residence.

- Have you **EVER**, in or outside the United States:
 - Knowingly committed any crime of moral turpitude or a drug-related offense for which you have not been arrested? Yes No
 - Been arrested, cited, charged, indicted, convicted, fined, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance, excluding traffic violations? Yes No *No speeding ticket only*
 - Been the beneficiary of a pardon, amnesty, rehabilitation decree, other act of clemency, or similar action? Yes No
 - Exercised diplomatic immunity to avoid prosecution for a criminal offense in the United States? Yes No
- Have you received public assistance in the United States from any source, including the U.S. Government or any State, county, city, or municipality (other than emergency medical treatment), or are you likely to receive public assistance in the future? Yes No
- Have you **EVER**:
 - Within the past 10 years been a prostitute or procured anyone for prostitution, or intend to engage in such activities in the future? Yes No *Used: No*
 - Engaged in any unlawful commercialized vice, including, but not limited to, illegal gambling? Yes No
 - Knowingly encouraged, induced, assisted, abetted, or aided any alien to try to enter the United States illegally? Yes No
 - Illicitly trafficked in any controlled substance, or knowingly assisted, abetted, or colluded in the illicit trafficking of any controlled substance? Yes No
- Have you **EVER** engaged in, conspired to engage in, or do you intend to engage in, or have you ever solicited membership or funds for, or have you through any means ever assisted or provided any type of material support to any person or organization that has ever engaged or conspired to engage in sabotage, kidnapping, political assassination, hijacking, or any other form of terrorist activity? Yes No *claimed use: No*



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- 5. Do you intend to engage in the United States in:
 - a. Espionage? Yes No
 - b. Any activity a purpose of which is opposition to, or the control or overthrow of, the Government of the United States, by force, violence, or other unlawful means? Yes No
 - c. Any activity to violate or evade any law prohibiting the export from the United States of goods, technology, or sensitive information? Yes No
- 6. Have you **EVER** been a member of, or in any way affiliated with, the Communist Party or any other totalitarian party? Yes No
- 7. Did you, during the period from March 23, 1933 to May 8, 1945, in association with either the Nazi Government of Germany or any organization or government associated or allied with the Nazi Government of Germany, ever order, incite, assist, or otherwise participate in the persecution of any person because of race, religion, national origin, or political opinion? Yes No
- 8. Have you **EVER** been deported from the United States, or removed from the United States at government expense, excluded within the past year, or are you now in exclusion, deportation, removal, or rescission proceedings? Yes No
- 9. Are you under a final order of civil penalty for violating section 274C of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) for use of fraudulent documents or have you, by fraud or willful misrepresentation of a material fact, ever sought to procure, or procured, a visa, other documentation, entry into the United States, or any immigration benefit? Yes No
- 10. Have you **EVER** left the United States to avoid being drafted into the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No
- 11. Have you **EVER** been a J nonimmigrant exchange visitor who was subject to the 2-year foreign residence requirement and have not yet complied with that requirement or obtained a waiver? Yes No
- 12. Are you now withholding custody of a U.S. citizen child outside the United States from a person granted custody of the child? Yes No
- 13. Do you plan to practice polygamy in the United States? Yes No
- 14. Have you **EVER** ordered, incited, called for, committed, assisted, helped with, or otherwise participated in any of the following:
 - a. Acts involving torture or genocide? Yes No
 - b. Killing any person? Yes No
 - c. Intentionally and severely injuring any person? Yes No
 - d. Engaging in any kind of sexual contact or relations with any person who was being forced or threatened? Yes No
 - e. Limiting or denying any person's ability to exercise religious beliefs? Yes No
- 15. Have you **EVER**:
 - a. Served in, been a member of, assisted in, or participated in any military unit, paramilitary unit, police unit, self-defense unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, guerrilla group, militia, or insurgent organization? Yes No
 - b. Served in any prison, jail, prison camp, detention facility, labor camp, or any other situation that involved detaining persons? Yes No
- 16. Have you **EVER** been a member of, assisted in, or participated in any group, unit, or organization of any kind in which you or other persons used any type of weapon against any person or threatened to do so? Yes No



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Part 3. Processing Information *(Continued)*

- 17. Have you **EVER** assisted or participated in selling or providing weapons to any person who to your knowledge used them against another person, or in transporting weapons to any person who to your knowledge used them against another person? Yes No
- 18. Have you **EVER** received any type of military, paramilitary, or weapons training? Yes No

Part 4. Accommodations for Individuals With Disabilities and/or Impairments *(See Page 7 of the instructions before completing this section.)*

Are you requesting an accommodation because of your disability(ies) and/or impairment(s)? Yes No

If you answered "Yes," check any applicable box:

- a. I am deaf or hard of hearing and request the following accommodation(s) (if requesting a sign-language interpreter, indicate which language (e.g., American Sign Language)):
- b. I am blind or sight-impaired and request the following accommodation(s):
- c. I have another type of disability and/or impairment (describe the nature of your disability(ies) and/or impairment(s) and accommodation(s) you are requesting):

Part 5. Signature *(Read the information on penalties on Page 8 of the instructions before completing this section. You must file this application while in the United States.)*

Your Registration With U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

"I understand and acknowledge that, under section 262 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as an alien who has been or will be in the United States for more than 30 days, I am required to register with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). I understand and acknowledge that, under section 265 of the INA, I am required to provide USCIS with my current address and written notice of any change of address within 10 days of the change. I understand and acknowledge that USCIS will use the most recent address that I provide to USCIS, on any form containing these acknowledgements, for all purposes, including the service of a Notice to Appear should it be necessary for USCIS to initiate removal proceedings against me. I understand and acknowledge that if I change my address without providing written notice to USCIS, I will be held responsible for any communications sent to me at the most recent address that I provided to USCIS. I further understand and acknowledge that, if removal proceedings are initiated against me and I fail to attend any hearing, including an initial hearing based on service of the Notice to Appear at the most recent address that I provided to USCIS or as otherwise provided by law, I may be ordered removed in my absence, arrested, and removed from the United States."

Selective Service Registration

The following applies to you if you are a male at least 18 years of age, but not yet 26 years of age, who is required to register with the Selective Service System: "I understand that my filing Form I-485 with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) authorizes USCIS to provide certain registration information to the Selective Service System in accordance with the Military Selective Service Act. Upon USCIS acceptance of my application, I authorize USCIS to transmit to the Selective Service System my name, current address, Social Security Number, date of birth, and the date I filed the application for the purpose of recording my Selective Service registration as of the filing date. If, however, USCIS does not accept my application, I further understand that, if so required, I am responsible for registering with the Selective Service by other means, provided I have not yet reached 26 years of age."



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Part 5. Signature (Continued)

Applicant's Statement (Check one)

- I can read and understand English, and I have read and understand each and every question and instruction on this form, as well as my answer to each question.
- Each and every question and instruction on this form, as well as my answer to each question, has been read to me in the _____ language, a language in which I am fluent, by the person named in **Interpreter's Statement and Signature**. I understand each and every question and instruction on this form, as well as my answer to each question.

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information provided with this application is all true and correct. I certify also that I have not withheld any information that would affect the outcome of this application.

I authorize the release of any information from my records that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking.

Signature (Applicant) 	Print Your Full Name Mehdi Ostadhassan	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 02/04/2014	Daytime Phone Number (include area code) (701) 610-9999
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NOTE: If you do not completely fill out this form or fail to submit required documents listed in the instructions, you may not be found eligible for the requested benefit, and this application may be denied.

Interpreter's Statement and Signature

I certify that I am fluent in English and the below-mentioned language.

Language Used (language in which applicant is fluent)

I further certify that I have read each and every question and instruction on this form, as well as the answer to each question, to this applicant in the above-mentioned language, and the applicant has understood each and every instruction and question on the form, as well as the answer to each question.

Signature (Interpreter) _____	Print Your Full Name _____	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____	Phone Number (include area code) _____
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Part 6. Signature of Person Preparing Form, If Other Than Above

I declare that I prepared this application at the request of the above applicant, and it is based on all information of which I have knowledge.

Signature _____	Print Your Full Name _____	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____	Phone Number (include area code) _____
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Firm Name and Address

E-Mail Address (if any)

