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PM 21-21

Effective: May 14, 2021

To: All of EOIR  
From: Jean C. King, Acting Director  
Date: May 14, 2021

### CANCELLATION OF POLICY MEMORANDUM 20-04

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| PURPOSE:      | Rescind and cancel Policy Memorandum 20-04 |
| OWNER:        | Office of the Director                     |
| AUTHORITY:    | 8 C.F.R. § 1003.0(b)                       |
| CANCELLATION: | Policy Memorandum 20-04                    |

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As part of EOIR's ongoing efforts to improve operations and review existing policy memoranda, the following Policy Memorandum (PM) is rescinded:

1. PM 20-04, *Guidelines Regarding New Regulations Providing for the Implementation of Asylum Cooperative Agreements*

PM 20-04 was issued in relation to the publication of the interim final rule titled "Implementing Bilateral and Multilateral Asylum Cooperative Agreements Under the Immigration and Nationality Act," 84 Fed. Reg. 63,994 (Nov. 19, 2019).

The revocation of PM 20-04 is consistent with section 4(a)(ii)(D) of Executive Order 14010 (Feb. 2, 2021), which instructed the Attorney General to review agency memoranda issued in reliance on the rule and announced the United States' intention to suspend and terminate existing asylum cooperative agreements (ACAs) with El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. The Department of State subsequently announced the immediate suspension and forthcoming termination of those ACAs. *See* Press Statement, Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State, Department of State, *Suspending and Terminating the Asylum Cooperative Agreements with the Governments El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras* (Feb. 6, 2021), <https://www.state.gov/suspending-and-terminating-the-asylum-cooperative-agreements-with-the-governments-el-salvador-guatemala-and-honduras/>. With no ACAs in effect, PM 20-04 is unnecessary.

Please contact your supervisor if you have any questions regarding this PM.