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# STATEMENT

March 31, 2000

## **INS Delaying Removal Action on Certain Cubans, Haitians and Nicaraguans**

Congress is currently considering legislation that would reopen and extend the application period during which eligible aliens may apply for benefits under section 202 of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) or section 902 of the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA).

Accordingly, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has directed its field offices to delay the removal of any alien who appears to be eligible for adjustment of status under NACARA or HRIFA and did not file an adjustment application by the March 31, 2000 deadline.

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