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# Tahirih's Forced Marriage Initiative In 2011, Tahirih launched the: Forced Marriage Initiative National Network to Prevent Forced Marriage in response to the findings of Tahirih's Survey on Forced Marriage in Immigrant Communities in the United States. This webinar is part of a quarterly series.

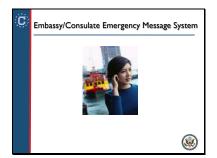
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## Slide 4 Agenda • U.S. Citizens Traveling Abroad Department Roles and Priorities Crime Victim Assistance Promoting Safety Abroad and Outreach Issues in Domestic Violence and Forced Marriage cases Slide 5 U.S. Citizens Abroad • 65 million trips • 6.3 million reside overseas Over 270,600 students studying abroad Slide 6 Assistance to U.S. Citizens Abroad • Role of Embassies/Consulates Over 270 posts abroad • Role of Washington, D.C. Office

# Slide 7 Our Number One Priority Safety and Security of U.S. citizens abroad Slide 8 Overseas Citizens Services Primary Role Emergency and non-emergency services to U.S. citizens residing or Country-Specific Information Sheets, Public Announcements and U.S. nationality and documentation of U.S. citizens Information and guidance on the consular aspects of cases involving Adoption Slide 9 Consular Information Program Country Specific Information • Travel Alerts Travel Warnings

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## Slide 13 **Emergencies Abroad** Medical Emergency Financial Assistance Death and Estates Victims of Crime Crises "Welfare and Whereabouts" Slide 14 Crime Victim Assistance Trauma/Challenges from victimization: ≻ Far from home ➤ Language barriers ➤ Local law applies – not U.S. law ${\not \succ} \mbox{ Crime definitions different in each country}$ Slide 15 Crime Victim Assistance Services Department can provide to U.S. citizen victims of crime • For Consular officers overseas Accompany (if possible...) Assist with filing a police report Explain the criminal justice process Access Medical Care Referrals to local resources

## Slide 16 Crime Victim Assistance Services Department can provide to U.S. citizen victims of crime • For staff in Washington Provide support to family in the US Identify resources to assist victims upon return to the US Intercountry Adoption and International Parental Child Abduction Slide 17 Countries party to the Hague Convention • Non-Hague countries Slide 18 Legal Considerations No Double Standard • U.S. citizens subject to local law • 2-parent consent required to issue passport for minors (under 16 or with CPIAP request) • See 22 CFR 51.28 Privacy Act

# Slide 19 Issues with Domestic Violence Exit holds Child custody Passport issuance Parental kidnapping Nationality of the perpetrator Slide 20 Forced Marriage Arranged vs. forced Age of victim—minor? Direct contact with victim Local law and resources Nationality of the other spouse Slide 21 Case Examples Case Discussion

# Slide 22 Consular Affairs Contacts Available 24 hours a day Overseas Citizens Services • Toll Free: 888-407-4747 VictimAssistance@state.gov Threat of Imminent Travel and Forced Marriage Abroad Slide 23 The threat may be explicit or only suspected: Individual may not know when/if travel will occur Parents may say upcoming travel is for another reason Victim may feel they have no choice – threats against themselves, family members, or others if they do not comply Slide 24 Difficulty communicating: may not know language/dialect in region limited access to email/internet, phone, and post services Passport, ID documents, money may be taken away May be taken to remote area — making transport, location by US/local authorities difficult or hazardous Lack of protections under law and from local authorities Intrino acciding publices shalters as support entities.

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# Assisting Individuals Facing Imminent Travel Abroad Urge them NOT to travel overseas! Gather essential information – Name, DOB, passport number, destination address/city/region, name of parents and spouse/relatives visiting, etc. Arm the individual with information – Embassy/ Consulate (phone/email/text), local NGOs and shelters, 911/law enforcement equivalent Essentials: secret cell phone/SiM card; local currency Airport contingency and communication plans Notify the State Department TAHIELE TALLIELE CENTER.

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