



## **Former Asylee Travel to Country of Persecution**

- Former asylee applicants (green card codes AS6, AS7, AS8) who have traveled back to their country of claimed persecution may be questioned about their reasons and the circumstances of their travel during their naturalization interviews.
- These questions will probe for inconsistencies between the applicants' travel and their immigration records, including their asylum, green card, and naturalization applications.
- Inconsistencies may arise when applicants have:
  - traveled to their countries of claimed persecution shortly after receiving asylum and/or in the absence of changed country conditions; or
  - have used or been issued passports and other legal documents from their countries of claimed persecution.
- Applicants whose travel and testimony reveals that they were ineligible for asylum or a green card, and/or lied on their applications, might have their naturalization applications denied, and could be placed in removal proceedings.
- Applicants should be prepared to answer questions about the reason(s) and the circumstance(s) of any travel back to their country of claimed persecution during their naturalization interview.