



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-01641**

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DATE: **SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **HON. AHMED HUSSEN**

Response by the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

VENEZUELA

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

Currently, under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, a foreign national may be inadmissible to Canada on a number of grounds, including, for example, if they have engaged in criminality or human or international rights violations, or are a family member of an inadmissible person. If inadmissible, they would be refused a visa, electronic travel authorization or entry to Canada.

On October 18, 2017, the *Justice for Victims of Corrupt Officials Act (Sergei Magnitsky Law)* received Royal Assent and is now in force. It adds two new inadmissibility provisions under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* which sanction government officials or individuals acting on behalf of a foreign state who are responsible for corruption, extrajudicial killings, torture or other gross violations of internationally recognized human rights. At this time there are no orders or regulations pursuant to these new provisions. However, in the future, any individuals listed in the orders or regulations would be inadmissible and thus would be refused a visa, electronic travel authorization or entry to Canada.