

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION**

**RONNY LENIN VEGA DUTAN,
PETITIONER,**

V.

**ERICA ESTRADA, ET. AL.
RESPONDENTS.**

NO. EP-26-CV-132-KC

RESPONSE TO ORDER, ECF NO. 8

Federal Respondents now file this Response to this Court's Order, ECF No. 8. Attached is Exhibit A, detailing all of the efforts that Federal Respondents have done to effectuate the removal of Vega Dutan. Ex. A. However, below is the response to this Court's Show Cause Order.

With respect to the status of the travel document request with the Chilean government, ICE submitted a Form I-241 request to Chile on April 16, 2025, seeking acceptance of Petitioner for removal to a third country based on Petitioner's ties to Chile. Ex. A, Declaration ¶¶ 24-25. However, it does not appear that Chile has responded to the Federal Respondent's request.

The most recent documented follow-up communication with the Chilean government occurred on June 6, 2025, when Headquarters Removal and International Operations spoke with the Chilean consulate in Houston regarding the pending request. *Id.* ¶ 25. During that communication, Chile advised that it would research the request and report back. *Id.* However, since, it has now been over 30 days, the request is determined to be denied. *Id.* ¶¶ 22-25.

ICE has continued to make additional efforts to effectuate Petitioner's removal. These efforts include submitting removal requests to multiple third countries, coordinating with Headquarters Removal and International Operations and the Department of State regarding third-country removal options, conducting post-order custody reviews, responding to Petitioner's

requests for case updates, and resuming removal efforts after resolution of a temporary internal stay related to an OPR investigation. *Id.* ¶¶ 26-37. ICE continues to pursue third-country removal consistent with the Immigration Judge's order granting protection only as to Ecuador.

At this time, ICE does not have an anticipated timeline for Vega Dutan's removal from the United States. *Id.* ¶ 38. ICE-ERO continues to actively pursue removal and will proceed promptly should a third country agree to accept Petitioner. *Id.* ¶ 39.

Respectfully submitted,

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