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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ARTUR ASHOTOVICH SIMONYAN, Petitioner, v. CHRISTOPHER J. LAROSE, Otay Mesa Detention Center; *et al.*, Respondents.	Case No. 26-cv-01564-DMS-MMP **STATUS REPORT**

In its May 7, 2026 Order, ECF. No 9, the Court ordered Respondents to provide a status report regarding efforts to remove Petitioner on or before July 2, 2026. The Court also indicated that, "absent any additional evidence to show there is a significant likelihood Petitioner will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future, the Court's tentative ruling [was] to grant the Petition and order Petitioner's release." *Id.* at 2.

Respondents have informed the undersigned that on April 5, 2026, the Azerbaijan Embassy and the head of the consular division were contacted to request assistance with a travel document request pending with the Los Angeles consulate. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) reached out to the

embassy regarding the request again on June 17, 2026, and are still waiting for a reply from the embassy.

At this time, ERO does not have a travel document and is unable to proceed with scheduling a flight to effectuate Petitioner's removal.

DATED: July 2, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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