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**DECLARATION OF
YYY, MD REGARDING XXX**

DATE OF EXAMINATION: March 2, 2017

MEDICAL EVALUATION

I, YYY, am a licensed physician in the State of Anystate, currently working as a general internist on the faculty at Yale School of Medicine and as an attending physician at LLL Hospital. I am trained and board certified in Internal Medicine.

I am a graduate of SSS, and I received my clinical training as an intern and resident at SSS in Boston, Massachusetts.

Since 2006, I have provided medical forensic examinations for asylum seekers referred to me by UUU Law School, The University of NNN School of Law, Physicians for Human Rights, HealthRight International, and the American Friends Service Committee. I have received specialized training from HealthRight International in the evaluation and medical documentation of victims of torture and other human rights abuses.

This medical report reflects an interview and examination conducted on **March 2, 2017** at CCC School of Medicine, Anytown, USA. At the time of this examination, I reviewed in detail the declaration provided in support of an application for asylum submitted by **XXX**

It is my impression that the findings of Ms. XXX's physical examination, as detailed below, support the declaration and information that she has provided to me.

1. Ms. XXX is seeking asylum in the United States. She is from Honduras.
2. She states she was physically, psychologically, and verbally abused, and also threatened by her male partner YYY.
3. Ms. XXX started living with YYY in 1998. Ms. XXX later moved to Mexico with YYY.
4. Ms. XXX was pregnant with her oldest daughter in 1998.
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6. In one early instance of psychological and verbal abuse, around 1998, Ms. XXX stated that after some customers did not pay the bill at the restaurant where she and YYY were working, he used a gun to threaten the customers.
7. Ms. XXX stated that she hid as this was happening. YYY then searched for her, demanded that she come out, and threatened to turn on the gas.
8. Around 2000, Ms. XXX stated that she visited a sympathetic neighbor who offered to help her escape to McAllen, TX while YYY was at work. YYY searched for her, demanded that the neighbor release her to him, and threatened to break the door and windows.

9. When Ms. XXX left the neighbor's home, YYY verbally abused her. When she said she was leaving, and opened the door, YYY grabbed her by the hair and pulled her back and also hit her, causing her to lose consciousness for a few minutes.
10. Ms. XXX stated that when she regained consciousness, she noticed blood behind her right knee. She believes the injury that bled resulted from hitting the back of her knee against a metal object. She believes that the metal object was part of a structure that held produce. It might have been a nail in the structure. She still has a scar from this injury.
11. In another early instance of physical abuse, around 2000, Ms. XXX stated that she went downstairs to buy cookies for her hungry daughter.
12. Ms. XXX thinks that the phone rang and she missed the phone when she went downstairs, and stated that YYY was angry that she didn't answer.
13. Ms. XXX states that YYY then kicked her near the right knee with a metal-tipped boot, before he left with to walk his aunt back home, locking the metal door from outside.
14. Ms. XXX states that the area bled and was painful.
15. Ms. XXX states that she called YYY's aunt to let her know what happened, and to ask her to open the door so she could see a doctor. She states that the aunt told her to "stop complaining."
16. Ms. XXX states that when YYY returned, she asked to see a doctor, and YYY refused.
17. Ms. XXX further states she did not know anyone in Mexico, and that YYY's family members did not want to interfere with his personal life. She notes that when YYY's aunt was being nice, she would apply cream to area where YYY had kicked her.
18. Ms. XXX reports that around the same time, YYY would always find excuses to physically abuse her.
19. On another occasion, around 2001, Ms. XXX reports that she was hugged and congratulated for singing at YYY's uncle's restaurant. This made YYY angry and he hit her. She states that as the uncle was known to use cocaine, she suspected that YYY was also using cocaine, contributing to the aggression.
20. Also around 2001, Ms. XXX reports that after she refused to work on decorative bottle holders following an argument, she went to lay on the mattress in the building where she and YYY lived and worked.
21. Ms. XXX states that as she was lying on her stomach, YYY used the tip of a knife used for opening nuts to poke her back and to demand that she continue to work. No scars resulted from these actions.
22. Ms. XXX states that she was afraid that he might actually cut her, so she left the room to wait for him to fall asleep, as he was intoxicated.
23. In the most recent instance of physical abuse, around May 2016, Ms. XXX states that YYY threw a lit cigarette that landed on her back and burned her after an argument about his drinking. No scars resulted from this burn.
24. Finally, Ms. XXX states that throughout the 18 years they were together, he constantly threatened to kill not just her, but also her family. He verbally abused her in front of her children, and said negative things about women in general in front of her son.
25. On exam, Ms. XXX has:

- 1) A circular area of superficial varicosities (varicose veins) on the lateral (outside) surface of the right knee, 4 cm above the fold of the knee, 4 cm in diameter (see (a) on photos), as well as a second circular area of superficial varicosities, at the level of the fold of the knee, 2 cm in diameter (see (b) on photos). Ms. XXX describes that the areas are painful, and that they developed after YYY kicked her with his metal tipped boot in this area. Superficial varicosities can develop in areas of previous blunt trauma.^{1,2} See (1) on body diagram.

2) A 3 cm diagonal, linear, raised, and hypopigmented scar (see (c) on photos) behind the knee. This is consistent with sharp trauma. See (2) on body diagram. Ms. XXX states this scar results from 2000 when YYY attacked her and she cut the back of her knee on a metal object.

Ms. XXX states she experienced countless episodes of abuse by her intimate partner over years. Most of these injuries did not leave scars. It is not unusual for the trauma she describes to leave no scars. It is my impression that the findings of Ms. XXX's physical examination support the declaration and information that she has provided to me.

I am willing to discuss these results in further detail if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

YYYY, M.D.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct executed on **March 2, 2017**.