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Yesterday, the BIA issued a precedent decision related to jurisdiction over asylum cases filed by individuals who were UACs at one time, but turned 18 years of age prior to filing their I-589. *Matter of M-A-C-O-*, 27 I&N Dec. 477 (BIA 2018)

(https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1101226/download). While we review the holding of this case and discuss its impact with our colleagues at OCC in order to prepare guidance for the program, please do not schedule any cases for interview where the applicant is in removal proceedings, but has claimed USCIS jurisdiction over his/her I-589 because he/she is an unaccompanied alien child under TVPRA, and the applicant filed his/her I-589 after turning 18 years of age. You are free to continue scheduling other PRLs for interview pursuant to the priorities established under our return to LIFO at the end of January. We hope to have more complete guidance out to you shortly.

Please let me know if you have any questions.