



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-00551**

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DATE: **SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONORABLE JOHN McCALLUM**

Response by the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Inadmissibility to Canada

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

Due to confidentiality requirements, the Department cannot comment on the specifics of individual cases.

In general, however, any foreign national who wishes to visit or immigrate to Canada, before they are issued a visa, they must show that they meet the requirements of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and its Regulations. All foreign nationals are assessed against the same criteria, regardless of their country of origin. In particular, a foreign national may not be issued a visa or allowed to enter if they are considered inadmissible. Several things can make a foreign national inadmissible under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (sections 34-42), including: having a criminal conviction, involvement in organized crime, violating human or international rights, or engaging in acts such as espionage or terrorism. A foreign national can also be inadmissible for health or financial reasons, or due to an inadmissible family member.