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Partial US Government Shutdown

Last evening, the US Congress adjourned without passing a comprehensive budget. This will temporarily impact some government agencies and immigration-related services. Please monitor the website at http://iso.mit.edu/immigration/imm_updates.shtml for ongoing updates.

- Visa processing services at US Embassies and Consulates abroad may slow down or be suspended. For specific details, please review the website of the embassy or consulate to which you are applying for a visa.
- Customs and Border Protection at US airports and other ports of entry are expected to continue their services, screening and admitting arriving foreign nationals.
- US Citizenship and Immigration Services, an agency funded by application fees, will likely continue processing petitions for work authorization documents, changes of status, extensions, and employment-based visas, as it did during the previous shutdown.
- The US Department of Labor, to which applications must be submitted for certain steps in the employment-based visa process, is expected to continue functioning as long as previously appropriated funds last.

As more is known, updates will be posted at http://iso.mit.edu/immigration/imm_updates.shtml

MIT is currently closed for the Christmas holiday until Wednesday, December 26. For information about travel and visas please visit the International Scholars Office website at <http://web.mit.edu/scholars>. Emergency contact information and procedures are listed there. Emergency contact for the International Students is ISO-help@mit.edu.