

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

SARA AVIEL,

Plaintiff,

v.

SERGIO GOR, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 25 - 778 (LLA)

ORDER

For the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion, ECF No. 22, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Plaintiff’s Motion for a Preliminary Injunction, ECF No. 5, is **GRANTED**. It is further

ORDERED that Defendants are enjoined from removing Sara Aviel from her position as president and CEO of the Inter-American Foundation (“IAF”), from denying her the benefits of that position, and from otherwise obstructing her ability to carry out the duties of that position, absent a decision by a lawfully constituted Board of the IAF. It is further

ORDERED that Peter Marocco is enjoined from serving as an “acting” Board member of the IAF and from carrying out the duties of that position in any way, shape, or form, absent a lawful appointment under Article II of the United States Constitution and the Federal Vacancies Reform Act, 5 U.S.C. § 3345 *et seq.* It is further

ORDERED that Defendants may not appoint Peter Marocco or any other individual as an “acting” member of the IAF Board, and may not appoint Peter Marocco or any other individual as a permanent member of the IAF Board absent Senate confirmation. It is further

ORDERED that any actions taken by Peter Marocco in his role as “acting” Board member of the IAF—including, but not limited to, the removal of Ms. Aviel as president and CEO of the IAF, the termination of any grants or other forms of agreements entered into by the IAF, and the attempted reduction-in-force of the IAF’s employees—are *void ab initio* and without any legal effect. It is further

ORDERED that Defendants must provide written notice of the court’s preliminary injunction to the IAF’s employees and grantees by 4:30 p.m. on April 4, 2025. It is further

ORDERED that Defendants shall file a status report on or before April 7, 2025, apprising the court of the status of their compliance with this Order, including by providing a copy of the written notice(s) described above; it is further

ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a joint status report proposing next steps in this proceeding, including an expedited schedule for summary judgment briefing, on or before April 9, 2025.

SO ORDERED.



LOREN L. ALIKHAN
United States District Judge

Date: April 4, 2025