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SUBJECT: Temporary Protected Status for Haiti

Recommendation

Background
Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Haitians living in the United States on January 21, 2010, after the January 12 earthquake struck Haiti. TPS designation for Haiti will expire on July 21, 2011. DHS currently is considering renewal of TPS for Haitians living in the United States and is seeking your recommendation regarding termination or extension.

Attached is an assessment of country conditions in Haiti as they relate to the statutory requirements of TPS. If you approve, we will transmit the letter of

Attachments:
Tab 1 – Proposed Correspondence
Tab 2 – Considerations for TPS for Haiti
DEPARTMENT OF STATE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING EXTENSION/TERMINATION OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS (TPS) FOR HAITI
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ACTION MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: (SBU) Recommendation for Haiti

Recommendation

Background

(U) Haiti’s current TPS designation ends July 22. The DHS Secretary first designated Haiti for TPS January 21, 2010, based on extraordinary and temporary conditions in the country resulting from the January 2010 7.0 magnitude earthquake. On July 23, 2011, the DHS Secretary both extended and re-designated Haiti for TPS based on continuing extraordinary and temporary conditions. These conditions included persisting effects of the earthquake, as well as other new conditions, such as an outbreak of cholera and insecure conditions in camps for internally displaced persons. Individuals were vulnerable to flooding, crime, including gender-based violence, and disease.

Since 2011, the DHS Secretary has extended – but not again re-designated – TPS for Haiti in 18-month increments based on continuing extraordinary and temporary conditions. As of August 25, 2015, there were approximately 59,000 Haitian TPS beneficiaries residing in the United States.

Attachments:
Tab 1 – Proposed Letter of Recommendation to Secretary Kelly
Tab 2 – Haiti Country Conditions Report
Tab 3 – Overview of Temporary Protected Status
Tab 4 – TPS Designations Chart
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(U) The Secretary's Call Sheet for Senator Rubio (R-FL)

(U) Purpose of Call: Senator Rubio requested a phone call on extending temporary protected status for Haiti, and may also raise cholera prevention efforts, the withdrawal of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as well as Haiti's voting record within the Organization of American States (OAS).

(U) Temporary Protected Status (TPS):

(U) Cholera:

(U) The UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH):

(U) Venezuela/OAS:
Attachment:
  Biographic Information
The Honorable
Mia B. Love
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Love:

Thank you for your March 14 letter to President Trump requesting that the
Administration consider extending Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians residing in the
United States due to damage caused by the January 2010 earthquake and October 2016
Hurricane Matthew. We have been asked to respond on his behalf.

The Immigration and Nationality Act provides Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Secretary Kelly the authority to designate a foreign state for TPS after consultation with
appropriate government agencies, including the Department of State. Former DHS Secretary
Napolitano originally designated Haiti for TPS on January 21, 2010 on the basis of extraordinary
and temporary conditions caused by the January 12, 2010 earthquake. Subsequent re-designation
and extensions of TPS were granted due to the earthquake’s long-term effects on infrastructure,
health, sanitation services, and diminished emergency response capacity.

Haiti continues to make progress in its post-earthquake reconstruction efforts. While
some Haitians remain displaced in camps, the majority of the displaced have returned to their
former or new homes. The impact of Hurricane Matthew in October 2016 caused a substantial,
yet largely localized, disruption of living conditions to three of Haiti’s ten departments. The
hurricane otherwise inflicted minimal damage on the remainder of the country, including
Port-au-Prince and the second largest city, Cap-Haitien.

There have been significant gains in cholera prevention and control since peaks in 2011
and following Hurricane Matthew. As of March 2017, suspected cases in Haiti are below the
number of reported cases during the same periods in 2015 and 2016, including in hurricane-
affected areas.

As Secretary Kelly and DHS work to evaluate the status of Haiti’s TPS designation prior
to its current July 22 expiration, we will engage with DHS to contribute the Department’s input
into the process.
We hope this information is useful. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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