July 11, 2017

His Eminence Joseph William Cardinal Tobin
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Your Eminence:

Thank you for your April 21, 2017 letter.

I appreciate your interest in Haiti’s Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation. Under federal law, in order for me to designate a country for TPS, I must find that one or more of the following three statutory bases are met: (1) there is an ongoing armed conflict within the country that would pose a serious threat to the personal safety of the country’s nationals if they were returned; (2) there has been an environmental disaster resulting in a substantial, but temporary, disruption of the living conditions in the area affected, the country is temporarily unable to handle adequately the return of its nationals, and the country has officially requested TPS designation; or (3) there exist extraordinary and temporary conditions in the country that prevent nationals from returning in safety, and I do not find that permitting the country’s nationals to remain temporarily in the United States would be contrary to the national interest of the United States. As long as the statutory conditions for designation continue to be met, the designation must be extended. Conversely, when the conditions are no longer met, I am required to terminate the designation. See Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) § 244(b)(1) and (3); 8 U.S.C. § 1254a(b)(1) and (3).

TPS, as enacted in law, is inherently temporary in nature. It is not intended to be a vehicle to provide long-term immigration benefits to foreign nationals. I have no authority to make the designation permanent. Only the U.S. Congress can deal with this issue by changing the law.

Initial designation periods are limited to 6-18 months, with required periodic reviews before the end of an initial period of designation and any extended period of designation. Additionally, the period of extension of a designation is limited to 6, 12, or 18 months at a time. See INA § 244(b)(2) and (3), 8 U.S.C. § 1254a(b)(2) and (3).

Haiti was initially designated for TPS on January 21, 2010, with almost 60,000 Haitians in the United States currently receiving protection under Haiti’s designation. On May 22, 2017, I announced a limited 6-month extension of Haiti’s TPS designation through January 22, 2018. I determined that, although Haiti has made significant progress in recovering from the
January 2010 earthquake that prompted its designation, conditions in Haiti supporting its designation continue to be met at this time. I also noted, however, my belief that "Haiti – if its recovery from the 2010 earthquake continues at pace – may not warrant further TPS extension past January 2018…and beneficiaries should plan accordingly that this status may finally end after the extension announced today."

I elaborated on Haiti’s progress, noting: “The Haitian economy continues to recover and grow, and 96 percent of people displaced by the earthquake and living in internally displaced person camps have left those camps. Even more encouraging is that over 98 percent of these camps have closed. Also indicative of Haiti’s success in recovering from the earthquake 7 years ago is the Haitian government’s stated plans to rebuild the Haitian President’s residence at the National Palace in Port-au-Prince, and the withdrawal of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti,” all indicators of sufficient recovery.

I visited Haiti on May 31, 2017, and on numerous occasions in my former capacity as Commander of U.S. Southern Command and as both an officer and an enlisted Marine. Often accompanied by the former President and U.S. Ambassadors, I have visited locations across the country and know the conditions on the ground—from the northern coast’s industrial centers and burgeoning textile industry, to small towns throughout the country, to now-abandoned temporary residential camps, to the capital in Port-au-Prince. My personal knowledge of the current conditions and the history of Haiti further enhance my understanding of the situation as it relates to Haiti’s TPS designation.

At least 60 days before January 22, 2018, I will re-evaluate the designation for Haiti and will determine whether another extension, a redesignation, or a termination is warranted, in full compliance with the INA. I will fully re-evaluate the country conditions and any other factors necessary to determine whether Haiti’s TPS designation should continue. Once a decision is made, it will be announced by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and a notice will be published in the Federal Register.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Please share this information with the cosigners of your letter. Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John F. Kelly
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Alcon,

Please see email below from our USCG Liaison at Embassy Port au Prince. Re: PA's announcement regarding S1's intention to discuss maritime security issues with Haitian government. This was news to all in Haiti and caught everyone by surprise.

FYSA: State Embassy Political Officers (not copied) was very concerned about this being in the announcement, even to the point where she stated she had to do "damage control" with the Haitian government after we put the statement out.

+ Elizabeth Neumann (DHS DCOS), Gene Hamilton (S1 Senior Councilor), Briana Petty (DHS Policy), RDML Joanna Nunan, and Zach Fuentes (S1 MilAide)
Aaron Chang
Director of Scheduling and Advance and Chief of Protocol
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Office [b](6)
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-----Original Message-----
From: Greenwood, Jeremy mailto:[b](6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 4:04 PM
To: Chang, Aaron [b](x6)
Cc: Kim, Ted J (Port-Au-Prince) [b](6); Rodriguez, Luis J CDR [b](6)

Subject: Policy Question on Maritime Issues

Mr. Chang,

Good Afternoon! As we discussed, the DHS press release that was just released included "Maritime Law Enforcement Cooperation" in the list of topics that S1 is coming to Haiti to discuss.

While we are always ready to discuss that topic- that's news to us- and I just want to ensure we are prepared to meet S1's needs on that. We have lots of offer on that subject, but as of now, the meetings are set up for TPS discussions and migration policy issues.

If you could put me in touch with the appropriate policy shop POC at HQ, I'd appreciate it.
Thanks for your work on the advance team sir!

V/R,

LCDR Jeremy Greenwood
Coast Guard Liaison Officer
US Embassy Port au Prince

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Alcon,

The Charge d’Affaires is sitting next to the Haitian President at 630pm tonight. Would be helpful if Gene (or whoever appropriate) can give State Political Officer some guidance on what we want communicated to President Moïse. Thx.

Aaron Chang
Director of Scheduling and Advance and Chief of Protocol
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Office: [b](b)
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From: Neumann, Elizabeth
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 5:10 PM
To: Chang, Aaron [b](b); Hamilton, Gene [b](b); Peto, Briana [b](b)
Cc: Lapan, David [b](b); Hoffman, Jonathan [b](b)
Subject: RE: SECRETARY KELLY’S UPCOMING TRIP TO HAITI

Gene and I are in mtg with S1 - foreign Delegation.

Adding Jonathan and Dave.

I did not see the release before it was sent. Not sure why the topic was added. Think this may be an error.

Dave / Jonathan - help on where your info came from?
From: Chang, Aaron  
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 5:05:22 PM  
To: Neumann, Elizabeth; Hamilton, Gene; Petyo, Briana  
Subject: FW: SECRETARY KELLY’S UPCOMING TRIP TO HAITI

Alcon,

Please see email below from Lydia Hall (State Political officer) at Embassy Port au Prince expressing numerous concerns relating to the press release announcing S1 visit to Haiti. I am keeping Lydia off this email chain for now. However, I recommend that one of you reach out to her directly to game plan how to proceed.

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Aaron Chang  
Director of Scheduling and Advance and Chief of Protocol  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
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From: Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince) [mailto: ](b)(6)  
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 4:25 PM  
To: Chang, Aaron [b](6)  
Subject: FW: SECRETARY KELLY’S UPCOMING TRIP TO HAITI

Hi Aaron,
I was surprised by the topics in the press release. It is highly unusual to publicize with such specificity topics of discussion with heads of government before they take place. I have several concerns I would like to flag from our perspective:

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(SBU) Moïse and the Prime Minister have announced their intent to reestablish the Haitian Armed Forces to secure Haiti’s borders and to assist in disaster response. The Minister of Defense has announced that he will start recruiting 500-700 soldiers. Major international donors have mostly declined requests for assistance for the military. With the government’s dire financial situation, there is concern among the UN, Haitian National Police (HNP), and international donors that efforts to rebuild the military could weaken the HNP, and divert much needed resources from the HNP. The USG has maintained the position that United States assistance will only fund the strengthening of the HNP, and expressed concern that GOH resources not be diverted from the HNP.

Press Release

May 30, 2017
Contact: DHS Press Office, (202) 282-8010

SECRETARY KELLY’S UPCOMING TRIP TO HAITI

WASHINGTON – On Wednesday, May 31, Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly will travel to Haiti where he will meet with President Jovenel Moïse and other senior government officials to discuss international cooperation and issues related to repatriation, as well as efforts
to build Haiti’s maritime law enforcement capacity, and to encourage cooperation between the Dominican Republic and Haiti’s nascent border security unit.

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To: Neumann, Elizabeth; Chang, Aaron; Hamilton, Gene; Priya, Priya; Nunn, Joanna

CC: Fuentes, Zachary; Rodriguez, Luis; J. Port-Au-Prince

Subject: RE: Policy Question on Maritime Issues

Date: 2017/05/30 17:08:52

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Thank you sir.

Standing by to assist in anyway, but the Embassy is very concerned about how we should address the additional topics listed in the Press Release.

As of now, the GoH is not prepared to discuss maritime issues or DR border issues with S1, and we want to understand the nature of S1’s desired conversation on those topics.

The end goal is to ensure a productive conversation for S1 with the GoH.

V/R,
LCDR Jeremy Greenwood
Coast Guard Liaison Officer
US Embassy Port au Prince
Cell: +509-3452-5022
Noted.

From: Hamilton, Gene  
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Whelan, Justine; Cloe, David; Petyo, Briana; Lapan, David; Chang, Aaron; Claffey, Lauren; Hoffman, Jonathan 
Subject: RE: Press statement announcing visit

Please edit to remove DHS as building Haitian anything. "Efforts to build," but not DHS efforts

Gene P. Hamilton  
Senior Counselor to the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

From: Whelan, Justine  
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 1:54:04 PM
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Gene P. Hamilton
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Gene P. Hamilton
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Gene P. Hamilton
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Gene P. Hamilton
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

From: Petyo, Briana
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From: Whelan, Justine
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To: Lapan, David; Chang, Aaron; Claffey, Lauren; Hoffman, Jonathan; Hamilton, Gene; Petyo, Briana
Cc: Cloe, David
Subject: RE: Press statement announcing visit

From: Lapan, David
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 12:30 PM
To: Chang, Aaron; Whelan, Justine; Claffey, Lauren; Hoffman, Jonathan; Hamilton, Gene; Petyo, Briana
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Subject: RE: Press statement announcing visit
From: Chang, Aaron
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 12:14 PM
To: Whelan, b)(6); Lapan, David b)(6); Claffey, Lauren b)(6); Hoffman, Jonathan b)(6); Hamilton, Gene b)(6); Petyo, Briana b)(6)
Subject: RE: Press statement announcing visit
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Chang, Aaron; Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince); Claffey, Lauren; Hoffman, Jonathan; Noisette, Jennifer M (Port-au-Prince); Nicolas, Marguerite B; Whelan, Justine
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David Lapan
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Media Operations/Press Secretary Department of Homeland Security

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SECRETARY KELLY’S UPCOMING TRIP TO HAITI

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We just issued something so will hold on this for a short time to create some space between the two releases.

From: Hamilton, Gene
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Hoffman, Jonathan; Whelan, Justine; Cloe, David; Petyo, Briana; Lapan, David; Chang, Aaron; Claffey, Lauren
Subject: RE: Press statement announcing visit

Agree

Gene P. Hamilton
Senior Counselor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

From: Hoffman, Jonathan
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 2:03:32 PM
To: Whelan, Justine; Hamilton, Gene; Cloe, David; Petyo, Briana; Lapan, David; Chang, Aaron; Claffey, Lauren
Subject: RE: Press statement announcing visit

Not sure I follow “repatriation in the United States”
I would refer them to the Haitian President's Press Office.

Aaron Chang
Director of Scheduling and Advance and Chief of Protocol
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Office: [b](6)
Mobile: [b](6)

-----Original Message-----
From: Lapan, David
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 1:51 PM
To: Chang, Aaron [b](6) Whelan, Justine [b](6) Hamilton, Gene [b](6) Petyo, Briana [b](6) Claffey, Lauren [b](6) Hoffman, Jonathan [b](6)
Cc: Cloe, David [b](6)
Subject: RE: Press statement announcing visit

OK, then we'll refer all media queries on this to the embassy.

-----Original Message-----
From: Chang, Aaron
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 1:50 PM
To: Whelan, Justine [b](6) Hamilton, Gene [b](6) Petyo, Briana [b](6) Lapan, David [b](6)
Embassy requests put period after "events" in last graph. Do not mention press spray b/c meetings at palace at GoH events. It would not be appropriate for us to tell press what events are occurring at their national palace. It would be as if foreign govt put out a press release about a press spray in Oval Office.

Aaron Chang
Director of Scheduling and Advance
Chief of Protocol
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Thanks. Will issue notifications for a 215 release.

Justine M. Whelan  
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From: Hamilton, Gene  
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 1:45:13 PM  
To: Whelan, Justine; Peto, Briana; Lapan, David; Chang, Aaron; Claffey, Lauren; Hoffman, Jonathan  
Cc: Cloe, David  
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WASHINGTON – On Wednesday, May 31, Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly will travel to Haiti where he will meet with President Jovenel Moïse and other senior government officials to discuss continued international cooperation, issues related to repatriation, and the role migration plays in Haiti’s development. Additionally, Secretary Kelly recently extended Temporary Protected Status for Haitians in the United States until January 22, 2018, and is expected to discuss the future of the program with his counterparts.
As Margarette says, because of the low numbers (less than 100 a week), there has been only one flight a week. Do you anticipate making specific asks of the President on repatriations? If so, it would be very useful to know so we can give a heads up to Moise.

Many thanks!!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Nicolas, Margarette B
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 9:58 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene; Petyo, Briana; Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince); Chang, Aaron; Neumann, Elizabeth
Cc: Waters, Erin
Subject: RE: Expanded Bilat Format & Topics
We’re still at 3 flights a week. However, detainees have been claiming fear at the last minute. As such, repeats numbers have decreased to less than one hundred per week.

From: Hamilton, Gene
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 9:36:04 PM
To: Peto, Briana; Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince); Chang, Aaron; Neumann, Elizabeth; Nicolas, Margarete B
Cc: Waters, Erin
Subject: RE: Expanded Bilat Format &Topics

Hey y’all,

I thought we were still at three flights a week, but definitely need to know if we aren’t. And although the Haitian repeat situation is better than it was this time last year, they need to continue to step it up in a very significant way.

Thanks!

Gene P. Hamilton
Senior Counselor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

From: Peto, Briana
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 7:21 PM
To: Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince); Chang, Aaron; Neumann, Elizabeth; Nicolas, Margarete B
From: Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince)
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 7:06:09 PM
To: Petyo, Briana; Chang, Aaron; Neumann, Elizabeth; Nicolas, Margarette B
Cc: Waters, Erin
Subject: Re: Expanded Bilat Format & Topics

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Petyo, Briana
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 6:44 PM
To: Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince); Chang, Aaron; Neumann, Elizabeth; Nicolas, Margarette (USCIS - Port-au-Prince)
Cc: Waters, Erin
Subject: RE: Expanded Bilat Format & Topics
From: Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince)

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 6:12:01 PM

To: Petyo, Briana; Chang, Aaron; Neumann, Elizabeth; Nicolas, Margarette B

Cc: Waters, Erin

Subject: Re: Expanded Bilat Format &Topics

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Thanks!

Lydia

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Petyo, Briana

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 6:06 PM

To: Chang, Aaron; Neumann, Elizabeth; Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince); Nicolas, Margarette (USCIS - Port-au-Prince)

Cc: Waters, Erin

Subject: RE: Expanded Bilat Format &Topics

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From: Chang, Aaron
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 5:42:57 PM

To: Petyo, Briana; Neumann, Elizabeth; Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince); Nicolas, Margarette B

Cc: Waters, Erin

Subject: Expanded Bilat Format & Topics

Briana/Elizabeth,

Following up on earlier email regarding policy issues for Haiti visit, we need to know what topics S1 would like to discuss at Expanded bilat. Haitians are asking so they can determine who from their side will attend the bilat.

As a reminder, bilat is current scheduled for 40 mins. With consecutive interpretation, meeting is 20 mins long. So, not a ton of time for lots of topics.

Once we have the topics identified, we can present to the Haitians for their concurrence. Also, please advise if there are topics we do not wish to be raised or discussed and we will let the Haitians know.

In terms of format, the Haitian President plans to make opening remarks. At this time we are waiting for the Haitians to let us know if their President’s opening remarks will be pleasantries or a formal opening statement. Do we have a preference for what S1 wants to do? If so please let me know so we can negotiate, if necessary, with the Haitians.

We are suggesting to the Haitians that only the President and S1 make remarks and everyone else listen. Obviously, if someone in either delegation wants to talk, they certainly can. What we do not have time for is for each person in both delegations to speak or ask questions. And, we have already made that clear to the Haitians, and they agree, that will not happen.

Aaron Chang
**Director of Scheduling and Advance and Chief of Protocol**

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

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Subject: RE: Expanded Bilat Format & Topics

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-DCOS & Erin

Gene/Briana: Are you available for a call today with our State and DHS POCs here at post in Haiti? If so, what time?

They would like to get clarification about this before discussing with GoH.

Thanks

Aaron Chang
Director of Scheduling and Advance and Chief of Protocol
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Yes the GoH has agreed to 3 non-criminal flights (135 each) per week and one monthly criminal flight (up to 50 individuals).
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DHS Engagement in Haiti

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CBP: 1 regional attaché in Santo Domingo

_U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services:_

**Overview of the Port Au Prince Office:**
Under the direction of the USCIS District Office for Latin America, Canada and the Caribbean (LACC), USCIS maintains one international Field Office in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The District Director in the LACC District is Erin Fatica and the Deputy District Director is Brett Lassen.

The USCIS Port-au-Prince Field Office is managed by Field Office Director Margarete Nicolas. The Field Office Director in Port-au-Prince, Haiti is also the designated DHS “dual-hat” Attaché. In her collateral role as DHS “dual-hat” Attaché, the Field Office Director serves as the Chief of Mission’s point of contact for all DHS policy and administrative matters involving the Embassy and as the liaison to other DHS components not present at Post.

USCIS Port-au-Prince currently has one Overseas Adjudication Officer and eight Locally Employed Staff. With the launch of the Haitian Family Reunification Parole (HFRP) Program, which began its operations in Port-au-Prince on August 3, 2015, the office has two TDY USCIS Immigration Services Officers detailed from domestic offices dedicated to HFRP processing. The USCIS Port-au-Prince Field Office has jurisdiction over Haiti, Guadeloupe, Martinique, St. Barthelemy, and St. Martin.

The USCIS Port-au-Prince Field Office provides immigration information services and processes limited benefits applications and petitions for individuals residing in Haiti and the other areas under its jurisdiction:

- Form I-130 (Petition for Alien Relative)
- Form I-131 (Application for Travel Document – exclusively for HFRP Program)
- Form I-407 (Record of Abandonment of Lawful Permanent Resident Status)
- Form I-600A (Application for Advance Processing of an Orphan Petition)
- Form I-600 (Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative)\(^1\)
- Form I-601 (Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility)\(^2\)
- Form I-730 (Refugee/Asylee Relative Petitions)
- Form I-131A (Transportation Letters for Lost/Stolen Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) Card)

\(^1\) A Form I-600 petition may be filed at the USCIS Port-au-Prince Field Office by a U.S. citizen who does not reside in Haiti if he or she is physically located within the jurisdiction of the field office at some point during the adoption process and has evidence of a valid Form I-600A approval notice.

\(^2\) As of June 4, 2012, USCIS moved Form I-601 and associated Form I-212 processing to domestic operations and international offices now process these forms only if exceptional circumstances merit expedited processing.
Adoption:
The Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption ("Hague Adoption Convention") entered into force in Haiti on April 1, 2014. Hague Adoption Convention cases are mainly processed by USCIS domestically at the National Benefits Center and abroad by the State Department via the consular section at the U.S. Embassy. However, there were many intercountry adoption cases already in process prior to the Convention’s entry into force in Haiti. The Haitian Institute of Social Welfare or IBESR (the Haitian adoption authority and Central Authority under the Hague Adoption Convention) and the U.S. Government agreed to permit a transition process for certain cases initiated by U.S. prospective adoptive parents before the Hague Adoption Convention entered into force in Haiti on April 1, 2014. USCIS Port-au-Prince is responsible for completing cases that meet transition processing criteria.

Overview of the Haitian Family Reunification Parole (HFRP) Program:

A. Reason Instituted
HFRP was announced via a Federal Register Notice in 2014. The program, as stated in the notice, as based on a determination that by expanding existing legal means for Haitians to immigrate, the HFRP Program would serve a significant public benefit by promoting safe, legal, and orderly migration to the United States and by supporting U.S. goals for Haiti’s long-term reconstruction and development.

B. Description
Petitioners of approved Forms I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, may, upon invitation, request parole on behalf of their Haitian beneficiary relatives, for whom an immigrant visa is not yet available. If granted parole, these family members can come to the United States up to three years before their immigrant visa priority dates become current.

C. Eligibility Requirements
   o The Petitioner must receive an invitation to be eligible to apply;
   o The Petitioner must be a lawful permanent resident or U.S. citizen with a Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, for their Haitian relative that was approved before Dec 18, 2014;
   o The relative’s immigrant visa will become available within approximately 18-42 months from when the invitation is issued; and
   o The applicant must establish that he or she meets the criteria for the program to establish significant public benefit and that a positive exercise of discretion should be exercised in his or her particular case.

D. Current Status
On January 25, 2017, the President signed an Executive Order on Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements that called for DHS to take action to ensure that parole authority under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act is exercised on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the plain language of the statute, and only when an individual demonstrates urgent humanitarian reasons or a significant
public benefit. USCIS reviewed its use of parole authority under 212(d)(5) as required under the Executive Order, including the HFRP Program, and made a recommendation to the Department to terminate the program. That recommendation is pending at the Department. While no new invitations to apply for the program have been sent, USCIS continues to process the pending cases.

**Haitian Family Reunification Parole (HFRP) Statistics**

Cases pending as of March 31, 2017: 4,772

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**United States Coast Guard:**

**Maritime Law Enforcement**

- Go fast and other types of non-commercial vessels are using the south coast of Haiti as a drop off point for major loads of cocaine (and to a lesser extent heroin and marijuana).
- The sail freighters transiting to and from The Bahamas are smuggling contraband and undocumented aliens destined for the United States; they are also bringing cash, normally U.S. dollars, in bulk to Haiti.
- The Haitian Coast Guard (HCG) is the sole maritime enforcement agency in Haiti, responsible for securing maritime borders with only five operational maritime vessels. Maritime domain awareness and enforcement are daunting tasks for the HCG, considering Haiti’s 1,100 miles of coastline and seven international ports. Operational capacity remains low due to insufficient funding, management deficiencies, an inability to refuel, and unavailability of locally procured parts to maintain the vessels reliably. These issues have prevented the HCG from serving as an effective deterrent force to illegal migration and maritime drug trafficking.
- There is no written agreement in force with the GOH regarding return of migrants (only a written counterdrug agreement); however, there is a process by which the GOH provides blanket authorization for USCG overflight and entry into Haitian territorial waters on a quarterly basis. USCG District 7 sends an email to the USCG Liaison Officer (CGLO), who then obtains authorization from the Commander of the Haitian Coast Guard to conduct these operations. This authorization is transmitted to all USCG entities via message traffic. In addition, there are MOTR Protocols providing interagency concurrence for conducting routine Haitian migrant cases covering interdiction and repatriation.

**Port Security**
- The International Port Security (IPS) Program conducted its first visit to Haiti in March 2007. Since then, IPS has conducted visits on an annual basis.
• In 2007, the IPS Program found that Haiti was not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures. Through capacity building the IPS Program helped Haiti improve their port security to an acceptable level, but the security degraded over time. In 2011, a demarche was delivered to the Haitian Government formally notifying them of their lack of effective anti-terrorism measures. Conditions of Entry for vessels arriving from Haiti were lifted in 2013 when the IPS Program determined that Haiti was implementing the ISPS Code at a bare minimum.

• In 2016, the IPS Program determined that Haiti had made significant improvements and was maintaining effective antiterrorism measures. However, in 2017, the IPS Program found significant issues concerning cargo control at Saint Marc and that Gonaives Private Terminal is not implementing any aspect of the ISPS Code. In 2016, the local mayor took over the quay at Gonaives port and the national government lost all control over its actions. The IPS Program works to visit Haiti four times a year to ensure that the country remains in overall compliance with the ISPS Code.

Migration

• Following the resumption of Expedited Removal (ER) for Haitian migrants in October 2014, overall flow of migrants through the Windward Pass has all but stopped. Furthermore, due to ER overall Haitian migrant flow numbers are returning to FY11/12 levels.

• One item of concern is the recent extension of TPS (Temporary Protected Status) until January 2018. Based on media reporting, there is a perception that TPS will keep being extended over and over again. It may not be extended it when it expires in January 2018. Assuming this is true; expectations need to be managed with Haiti that they need to prepare to receive people.

• USCG continues to monitor the situation in the Dominican Republic with regard to the removal of Haitians as the Dominican Republic restarts their normal immigration processes. Concerns about forced removals of people of Haitian descent have largely passed.

Search and Rescue

• The Haitian Civil Aviation Authority has reached out to the Coast Guard to negotiate and conclude an aeronautical search and rescue (SAR) agreement in support of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (“Chicago Convention”). The U.S. Coast Guard supports this initiative, but desires to negotiate and conclude both an aeronautical and maritime SAR agreement as required in both the Chicago Convention and the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue. However, negotiating a SAR agreement with Haiti has been delayed until conclusion of the U.S.-Bahamas SAR agreement (proposed SAR agreement text was submitted to the Government of the Bahamas for their consideration in OCT, 2016).

• Haiti does have an adjacent aeronautical SAR region; however, the U.S.-Haiti maritime SAR region delimitation is predicated on the outcome of the proposed SAR agreement negotiation with the Government of the Bahamas (If the Government of the Bahamas agrees to their provisional delimitation, then the U.S. will not have an adjacent maritime SAR region with Haiti). When the U.S.-Bahamas SAR agreement negotiations are concluded, the Coast Guard will submit proposed SAR agreement text to the Government of Haiti.
Security Cooperation

- In 2012, the USCG conducted a comprehensive assessment of the HCG and provided a long term developmental report to stakeholders at the U.S. Embassy, DOD, DOS, and Canada.
- In 2015 Dept of State, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) funded the acquisition of two 32’ Justice Boston Whalers as part of a task force of HCG and the Haitian Drug Enforcement Agency, although at least one these boats was damaged in the recent hurricane.
- In FY16, INL funded a USCG Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE) Boarding Officer mobile training team (MTT) to members from this task force, and in FY17, funded a Small Boat Operations MTT.
- Since 2009, the USCG has provided 34 resident courses and three MTTs in maritime law enforcement, engineering, small boat operations, disaster response, officer and enlisted development, and search and rescue to Haitian maritime forces.
- In FY16, INL funded a USCG Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE) Boarding Officer mobile training team (MTT) to members from this task force.
- A Small Boat Operations MTT is pending for early 2017.
- Since 2009, the USCG has provided 25 resident courses and two MTTs in maritime law enforcement, engineering, small boat operations, disaster response, officer and enlisted development, and search and rescue to Haitian maritime forces.

Customs and Border Protection:

Border Security

- Haiti has begun the process of establishing a border security force under the Haitian National Police (HNP), Cuerpo Especializado de Seguridad Fronteriza Terrestre (Cesfront
- Force consists of 69 officers with a plan to expand to 1600 eventually.
- With INL funding, CBP can train the Dominican Republic’s Border Patrol equivalent unit, CESFRONT, in the Dominican Republic, and include approximately 10 Haitians with them, both for the training itself and to develop cross-border unity and cooperation.
  o The 10 would then train other Haitian border police.
  o This could occur within 60 days;
  o INL has previously provided equipment for CESFRONT that could be used for the training.

Inter-border Security International Visitor Program

- During the week of May 22-25, 2017, State/INL funded a visit to El Paso, Texas, for three border security officials from the Dominican Republic and Haiti to showcase:
  o How the U.S. interacts with Mexico on border security;
  o Witness firsthand how Border Patrol performs daily operations on the border itself;
  o Visit a Border Patrol checkpoint operating within the interior of the U.S.;
  o Visit Border Patrol K-9 National Headquarters, which complements the K-9 unit we recently stood up for CESFRONT;
  o Visit Border Patrol National Special Operations Group HQ, where they can get a briefing on doing specialized operations.
Meeting of Border Security Chiefs

- CESFRONT General has indicated that he has no contact with Haitian counterpart;
- He requested that USG set up a meeting between the two;
- CBP has proposed the meeting to Haiti’s new Chief of Border Police and he accepted; meeting details are currently being addressed.

Customs Capacity Building

- USAID interested in bringing Haitian Customs officers to the DR for training.
- Training would take place at DR Customs training facilities;
- Instructors would consist of both DR and USG trainers;
- In addition to practical training, activity would foment cross-border cooperation.
  - INL-sponsored training of Dominican unit that works with CBP/CSI.
  - Five separate training sessions for DR Customs already in the works;
  - Training would occur at Port of Caucedo;
  - Team of Haitian Customs Officials (5) would also attend training;
  - USAID/Haiti would pay for Haitians to travel to DR;
  - INL would pay for training expense;
  - Procurement is already underway.

ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO)

ICE ERO has an Asst Attaché for Removal in the Santo Domingo office who supervises a Foreign Service National Investigator stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

On January 12, 2010, Haiti suffered from a magnitude 7.0 earthquake that killed tens of thousands of Haitians and destroyed much of that country’s very limited infrastructure. As a result of the disaster, ICE temporarily halted the removal of Haitian nationals to that country. In January 2011, ICE conducted one removal flight to Haiti. Thereafter, removals were once again suspended until April 1, 2011, when ICE announced the resumption of removals via ICE aircraft on a limited basis for those Haitian nationals with final orders of removal who were convicted of a serious crime or who posed a national security threat (criminal removals).

In September 2016, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security rescinded its 2011 policy and authorized ICE and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to arrest, process for removal, and remove both criminal and non-criminal Haitian nationals. On the basis of the policy rescission, ICE scheduled its first Haitian non-criminal removal flight in several years. However, that flight, which was scheduled to occur during the month of October 2016, was cancelled due to the arrival of Hurricane Matthew on October 3, 2016. Removal flights for non-criminal Haitians commenced on November 3, 2016.

On February 7, 2017, Jovenel Moïse was inaugurated as Haiti’s president, replacing Provisional President Jocelerme Privert. In early April 2017, Rock Exceus, the Director General of the Office National de la Migration (ONM), was named as the technical coordinator for the reception and reintegration process of removed Haitian nationals. Under the direction of Director General Exceus, removal flights from the United States to Haiti have progressed smoothly with no issues to report. Procedures for removals are as follows:
ICE presents an advance notification and a manifest for removal to the attention of ONM Director General Rock Excecsus. The Director General then disseminates the manifest to the appropriate Government of Haiti personnel.

Upon the arrival of the ICE chartered aircraft, Government of Haiti officials are presented with removal documents and the detainees’ medical records, if applicable. The nomination requirements for these flights require that each Haitian national is a non-criminal with a final order of removal. Security on the tarmac and the on-site processing area is provided by the Haitian Judicial Police.

Having been turned over to the Government of Haiti officials, the Haitian nationals are processed at an USAID-funded processing area and have their biometrics and biographical information taken by the Haitian Office of National Identification. They are also registered with ONM and the IOM in order to receive a travel stipend, a hot meal, and a backpack full of basic necessities. They also have an opportunity to make phone calls to family members.

Once the in-processing is completed, they receive their personal effects and depart for one of three bus stations where they can continue to their final destination.

Between October 18, 2016 and May 16, 2017, ICE conducted 54 removal flights to Haiti; 8 of those flights were criminal, while the remaining 46 flights were non-criminal.

The following is a fiscal year (FY) breakdown of removals of Haitian nationals:

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**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)**

ICE Attaché Santo Domingo has operational responsibility over Haiti. Although ICE does not have a physical presence in Haiti, it has engaged with the U.S. Department of State Regional Security Office and other members of the Law Enforcement Working Group at Post to provide and/or request assistance in cases of mutual interest.

ICE Attaché Santo Domingo Transnational Criminal Investigative Unit (TCIU) members work in close coordination with their Haitian law enforcement counterparts. The relationships developed by the TCIU members in Haiti have been important in the support of criminal investigations with nexus to the United States.
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Subject: RE: Haiti Policy Questions

Hi Briana,

Since Post prepared talking points for the visit, we’d like to ensure that they are in line with S1’s message. Can you please tell us what his main message to the President is going to be – main point for the visit.

Thanks,
Margarette Nicolas
Field Office Director
DHS Attaché
DHS/USCIS
Embassy Port-au-Prince, Haiti

From: Chang, Aaron
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Nicolas, Margarette B; Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince); Petyo, Briana
Subject: Haiti Policy Questions

Ladies,

Connecting you all. Briana Petyo is our DHS Policy person at HQ. She can answer questions you have regarding policy issues for the visit.

Aaron Chang
Director of Scheduling and Advance and Chief of Protocol

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Office: [b](6)

Mobile: [b](6)

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To: Petyo, Briana

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David Cloe
Latin America/Caribbean

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From: Petyo, Briana
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 7:48:09 AM
To: Cloe, David
Subject: RE: Scenesetter for DHS Secretary Kelly’s Visit to Haiti

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From: Cloe, David
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:30:08 PM
To: Petyo, Briana
Subject: RE: Scenesetter for DHS Secretary Kelly’s Visit to Haiti

I think so, plus some legislative leaders, but I haven't been in touch with Post over the last several calls - they would have the best intel on that question...

David Cloe
From: Petyo, Briana  
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:26:22 PM  
To: Cloe, David  
Subject: RE: Scenesetter for DHS Secretary Kelly’s Visit to Haiti

Thanks- we have any idea of who their folks will be - President, interior minister, foreign affairs minister, ambo?

From: Cloe, David  
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:24:46 PM  
To: Petyo, Briana  
Subject: RE: Scenesetter for DHS Secretary Kelly's Visit to Haiti

David Cloe  
Latin America/Caribbean

From: Petyo, Briana  
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:45:56 PM  
To: Cloe, David  
Subject: FW: Scenesetter for DHS Secretary Kelly's Visit to Haiti

- For the size of delegation in meeting- do we have a suggestion for exactly which officials on their side which would help us get to a total number? I'm going to send the DCOS the request but she will for sure ask for our recommendation on number and composition.

  Thanks,  
  Bri
From: Waters, Erin  
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 2:32:15 PM  
To: Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince); Chang, Aaron; Cloe, David  
Cc: Nicolas, Margarette B; Petyo, Briana  
Subject: RE: Scenesetter for DHS Secretary Kelly’s Visit to Haiti

Thanks, Lydia –

Adding Briana.

From: Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince) [mailto: ]  
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 1:51 PM  
To: Waters, Erin; Chang, Aaron; Cloe, David  
Cc: Nicolas, Margarette B  
Subject: FW: Scenesetter for DHS Secretary Kelly’s Visit to Haiti

Hi All –

I slugged the scenesetter to you, but forwarding it along just in case!

Thanks in advance!

Best
Lydia

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From: SMART Core  
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 1:44 PM  
To: Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince)  
Subject: Scenesetter for DHS Secretary Kelly’s Visit to Haiti

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Margarette is our advance – here’s her contact information. She’s the “Dual-Hat” at Post.

**Margarette Nicolas**  
Field Office Director  
DHS Attaché  
DHS/USCIS  
Embassy Port-au-Prince, Haiti  
Office  
Email: 

David L. Cloe  
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

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**From:** Nicolas, Margarette B  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 12:36 PM  
**To:** Cloe, David  
**Subject:** RE: pls clear by noon May 23 (thru Astrid or Anusha): Secretary Kelly May 31 visit to Haiti - DHS background briefer

Sounds Good. We’ll call you on the {b}(6) I’ll get Lydia and we can get our questions answered. Some of the questions will be as follows:

Time of arrival
Amount of time in Port au Prince
How long for each meeting (I know right now the emails said 1 hr) - depending on the length we have to decide location for the second meeting
How many people accompanying him
Translator?
Press? (embassy? Local? At the airport upon arrival? Upon departure?)

I’m sure there will be more.

Thanks,

Margarette
From: Cloe, David
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 12:04 PM
To: Nicolas, Margarette B
Subject: RE: pls clear by noon May 23 (thru Astrid or Anusha): Secretary Kelly May 31 visit to Haiti - DHS background briefer

I’m in the air flying to Miami starting at 3:30. How about we chat at 2:45? I should be at the gate at that point...

David Cloe
Latin America/Caribbean

From: Nicolas, Margarette B
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:46:11 AM
To: Cloe, David
Subject: RE: pls clear by noon May 23 (thru Astrid or Anusha): Secretary Kelly May 31 visit to Haiti - DHS background briefer

Hi David,

Would you mind a conference call this afternoon with Lydia (POL) and myself to discuss. Lydia will set up the meetings but need more specific. What time will be good for you?

Thanks,

Margarette Nicolas
Field Office Director
DHS Attaché
DHS/USCIS
Embassy Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Office
Email:

From: Cloe, David
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:04 AM
To: Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince); Ravin, Judith; Driscoll, J. Spencer; Williams, Stacy D; Dorelien, Astrid; Nicolas, Margarette B; Giska, Sara; Crowley, Melinda L (Port-au-Prince); Williams, Stacy D; Bowers, Allynson M; Seneviratne, Anusha E; Ashe, Christopher C; Alvarado, Rebecca B; Van Brandt, Danna J; Walla, Amy C; Posey, Lance L; Jaksa, Kari L (Port-au-Prince); Amirthanayagam, Indran J (Port-Au-Prince); Hannan, Robert F (Port-au-Prince); Prophete, Ginette Y; Gayle, Michael A
Cc: Brokenshire, Kent C; Merten, Kenneth H; Bowers, Allynson M
Subject: RE: pls clear by noon May 23 (thru Astrid or Anusha): Secretary Kelly May 31 visit to Haiti - DHS background briefer
Thank you for your/Post’s support with these materials. We really appreciate your help turning this around so quickly.

Still no updates on the exact arrival time, but Wednesday afternoon remains the target.

David L. Cloe
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

From: Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince)
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8:17 AM
To: Raven, Judith; Driscoll, J. Spencer; Williams, Stacy D; Dorelien, Astrid; Nicolas, Margarette B; Giska, Sara; Crowley, Melinda L (Port-au-Prince); Williams, Stacy D; Bowers;  Allyson M; Seneviratne, Anusha E; Ashe, Christopher C; Alvarado, Rebecca B; Van Brandt, Danna J; Walla, Amy C; Posey, Lance L; Jaksa, Kari L (Port-au-Prince); Prophete, Ginette Y; Gayle, Michael A; Brokenshire, Kent C; Merten, Kenneth H; Bowers, Allyson M
Cc: Cloe, David; Hathorn, Robert F (Port-au-Prince); Propheete, Ginette (USCIS)
Subject: Re: pls clear by noon May 23 (thru Astrid or Anusha): Secretary Kelly May 31 visit to Haiti - DHS background briefer

Thanks so much Judith. Post has many edits and additions it would like to make, to include talking points. If ok, we will send by tomorrow morning for Washington clearance.

Also it would be helpful to know if a scenesetter is expected.

Thanks so much,
Lydia

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Raven, Judith
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 7:50 PM
To: Driscoll, J. Spencer; Williams, Stacy D; Dorelien, Astrid; Nicolas, Margarette (USCIS - Port-au-Prince); Giska, Sara; Crowley, Melinda L (Port-au-Prince); Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince); Williams, Stacy D; Bowers; Allyson M; Seneviratne, Anusha E; Ashe, Christopher C; Alvarado, Rebecca B; Van Brandt, Danna J; Walla, Amy C; Posey, Lance L; Jaksa, Kari L (Port-au-Prince); Amirthanayagam, Indran J (Port-Au-Prince); Hathorn, Robert F (Port-au-Prince); Propheete, Ginette (USCIS)
Cc: Cloe, David; Brokenshire, Kent C; Merten, Kenneth H; Bowers, Allyson M
Subject: pls clear by noon May 23 (thru Astrid or Anusha): Secretary Kelly May 31 visit to Haiti - DHS
background briefer

All, pls clear by noon May 23 on first draft of background briefer (per DHS style) for DHS Secretary Kelly. As Anusha will return tomorrow, she and Astrid (and post/POL) can work out who will take the lead from here.

David, if you have another template you prefer we use, pls do provide. Thanks, --Judith

**MEETING WITH HAITIAN PRESIDENT JOVENEL MOÏSE**
May 31, 2017

**Objective:**

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DHS Priorities for the Meeting:
Issues that President Moïse is Likely to Raise During the Meeting:

Participants:
DHS
Secretary Kelly
TBD TITLE, Name
TBD TITLE, Name

**Foreign Delegation**
Haitian President Jovenel Moïse
Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General Sandra Honoré
TBD MINUSTAH Military Commander

**Attachments:**
A. Letters from Haitian Ambassador Altidor
B. Talking Points
C. Biography of President Jovenel Moïse
D. Biography of United National Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of Mission
E. Biography of MINUSTAH Military Commander TBD

**Staff Responsible for Briefing Memo:** David Cloe, Director for Latin American and Caribbean Affairs, Office of Policy

**OGC Reviewer:** Attorney in Component Counsel or HQ, Title, Phone Number.
Judith Ravin

Covering Political/Multilateral Affairs for Anusha Seneviratne, May 4-22

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Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Cloe, David
Cc: Merten, Kenneth H; Williams, Stacy D; Dorelien, Astrid; Ravin, Judith; Thomas, Jene C (Port-au-Prince); Nicolas, Margarette (USCIS - Port-au-Prince); Giska, Sara; Shukan, Brian W (Port-au-Prince); Crowley, Melinda L (Port-au-Prince); Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince); Williams, Stacy D; Bowers, Allyson M; Seneviratne, Anusha E
Subject: RE: Secretary Kelly visit to Haiti

David:

Looping a few additional colleagues at the Department and at post.
Kent

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From: Cloe, David [mailto:b] (b)(6)  
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 5:50 PM 
To: Brokenshire, Kent C  
Cc: Merten, Kenneth H; Williams, Stacy D; Dorelien, Astrid; Ravin, Judith; Thomas, Jene C (Port-au-Prince); Nicolas, Margarettte (USCIS - Port-au-Prince); Giska, Sara  
Subject: RE: Secretary Kelly visit to Haiti

Kent/All – Per my conversation with Kent about an hour ago, here’s the latest I have as of 1745 on May 22nd.

First – Secretary Kelly’s office has asked that the trip be moved one day to Wednesday, May 31st. Details:

1) Arrival on Wednesday, May 31st, between 1230-1400. Hoping to pass you an exact time by tomorrow. Plan is to spend 3-4 hours on the island.
2) He is hoping to hold two meetings only:
   a. One with Haitian officials, preferably hosted by President Moise
   b. The second with the top military and civilian UN officials

From either Post or WHA/HSC – we’ll take whatever briefing/background materials you have that you feel would be helpful for the Secretary. Basically, with such a quick turn-around time, I can almost guarantee that whatever talking points you send us will become his talking points.

Thanks - David

David L. Cloe  
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean  

From: Brokenshire, Kent C [mailto:b] (b)(6)  
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 2:49 PM  
To: Cloe, David [b] (b)(6)  
Cc: Merten, Kenneth H (b)(6); Williams, Stacy D (b)(6); Dorelien, Astrid (b)(6); Ravin, Judith (b)(6); Thomas, Jene C (Port-au-Prince)
Secretory Kelly visit to Haiti

David:

Embassy Port-au-Prince is prepared to support this visit.

Please provide us with additional details on the purpose and objectives of the visit.

POC in this office is Astrid Dorelien, cc’ed above.

Best,
Kent

Kent C. Broakenshire
Office Director
Deputy Haiti Special Coordinator

U.S. Department of State

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From: Cloe, David [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 1:16 PM
To: Broakenshire, Kent C
Subject: RE: TPS Materials

How about now actually? Secretary Kelly is interested in going to Haiti next week (Tuesday, May 30th), spending about 4-5 hours on the ground in the afternoon. Just wants to do two meetings – one with the head of MINUSTAH and the second with however many Haitian leaders we can muster into one room. Need to either start planning in earnest or tell him it won’t work in the next hour or so.

David L. Cloe
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean
Can you make it 30 minutes?

True?

Request to verify information. According to State, Haiti has not previously been listed on the recalcitrant country list (nor as a country of at-risk-of-noncompliance).

NB: same day DHS Secretary Kelly visits Haiti
They want to be wheels up within 4 hours

From: Cloe, David
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 05:38 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Petyo, Briana
Subject: RE: Haiti

Wheels up by the 4th?

David L. Cloe
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

From: Petyo, Briana
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 5:31 PM
To: Cloe, David
Subject: Re: Haiti

Sorry- schedule moved as they tried to make room.

They were hoping for about 2-3PM to the island although the head of Advance just told me they may have an earlier arrival but can't give me answer until tomorrow.

They liked the 2 meeting idea given they are hoping to be on ground about 3 hours and wheels up by the 4th.

Yes on theme.
From: Cloe, David  
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 05:24 PM Eastern Standard Time  
To: Petyo, Briana  
Subject: RE: Haiti

O.K. – I was about to write and say that Post had cleared on a visit for Tuesday afternoon, that their president was confirmed to be on the island that day (but not necessarily agreed to take the meeting), etc.

I will go back to State and ask if Wednesday afternoon also works. Please ask the front office...

1) For Wednesday, May 31st, around what time do we expect S1 to arrive and depart?
2) Please confirm that he’s looking to hold two meetings only:
    a. One with Haitian officials, hopefully hosted by President Moise
    b. The second with the top military and civilian UN officials

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I would note that I’m just guessing those are the themes for the visit...

Thanks - David

David L. Cloe  
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

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From: Petyo, Briana  
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 4:05 PM  
To: Cloe, David (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Haiti

Can we actually change it to Wednesday afternoon? Sorry!

From: Petyo, Briana  
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 12:30 PM  
To: Cloe, David  
Subject: Haiti

So in case there wasn’t enough going on, the Secretary has now decided he would like to “pop into Haiti” on Tuesday or Wednesday. He will be traveling to Miami and FLETC but wants to make a trip down to Port Au Prince to meet with key leadership and the UN Commander. Sounds like they are hopeful the meetings will be about 4 hours or less on the ground. I think Tuesday is what they would like to make happen. I can come see you to talk through after you have some time to think it out. I realize this is a ridiculous way to do this type of stuff.
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Yeah can probably be 15 min

From: Cuevas, Lequann
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 5:36 PM
To: Petyo, Briana
Subject: RE: should MD go to

Prep on Haiti TPS?

From: Petyo, Briana
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 5:32 PM
To: Cuevas, Lequann
Subject: RE: should MD go to

No I will take it for him and cover anything he needs to.

From: Cuevas, Lequann
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 5:31 PM
To: Petyo, Briana
Subject: should MD go to

scheduling with you since he has the S2 Brussels trip prep at 4?
Secretary Kelly's protocol team can reach out to [b](6) here at the Haitian Embassy.
Her email address is:
[b](6)

She can be reached by phone at:
[b](6)

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From: Cloe, David
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Cloe, David [b](6)
Cc: Peto, Briana [b](6)
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request

Ok- attaching the info protocol needs asap

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From: Cloe, David
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Cuevas, Lequann [b](6)
Cc: Peto, Briana [b](6)
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request

Right – they agreed to our time...

David L. Cloe
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

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From: Cuevas, Lequann
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 2:27 PM
To: Cloe, David
Cc: Petyo, Briana
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request

For 2:30 correct?

From: Cloe, David
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 2:25 PM
To: Cuevas, Lequann
Cc: Petyo, Briana
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request

They have confirmed – only contact I have is the Haitian Ambasador – Paul Altidor. His e’mail is -

I’m trying to get a phone number and/or another POC at the embassy to help with clearances.

David L. Cloe
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

From: Cloe, David
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Cuevas, Lequann
Cc: Petyo, Briana
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request

Got it – I’ll ask now...

David L. Cloe
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

From: Cuevas, Lequann
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 8:59 AM
To: Cloe, David
Cc: Petyo, Briana
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request
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From: Cloe, David  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 8:59 AM  
To: Cuevas, Lequann  
Cc: Petyo, Briana  
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request

With S1 or S2?

David L. Cloe  
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean  

From: Cuevas, Lequann  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 8:49 AM  
To: Cloe, David  
Cc: Petyo, Briana  
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request

FO is offering May 15th at 2:30PM for a 45 minute meeting. Will that work for Minister Rodrigue?

From: Cloe, David  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:28 PM  
To: Cuevas, Lequann  
Cc: Petyo, Briana  
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request

Interesting. O.K. – thanks...

David L. Cloe  
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean  

From: Cuevas, Lequann  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:25 PM  
To: Cloe, David  
Cc: Petyo, Briana  
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request

S1’s shop took for action so it looks like it won’t be S2 but other than that nothing further….I’ll keep pushing 😊
From: Cloe, David  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:28 AM  
To: Cuevas, Lequann; Petyo, Briana  
Cc: Dougherty, Michael; Giska, Sara  
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request  

- Any updates on this? Haitian Embassy is pinging. Last conversation I think had us with S2 next week, but was wondering if you had more...

David L. Cloe  
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

From: Cloe, David  
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 4:26 PM  
To: Cuevas, Lequann; Petyo, Briana  
Cc: Dougherty, Michael; Giska, Sara  
Subject: FW: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request  

Quann/Briana – Attached see a note from the Haitian Ambassador to Secretary Kelly – subject is TPS.

I forwarded the note below and the attachment to USCIS and the Immigration Office within PLCY earlier this morning to see if anyone was aware of any issues we should note before forwarding this to the front office, and most people simply responded that they were aware of the issue and the Haitian Government would be reaching out. Bottom line – please forward this as soon as you can. I would assume that either USCIS or Immigration will be tasked to respond.

I’ve subsequently heard from the Haitian Ambassador, who wanted to reiterate his request for a meeting between S1 and the Haitian Foreign Minister. I told him I would send a request forward, but first needed information from him (preferred dates, etc.). Once I have that information from the embassy you’ll see a meeting request from me.

Thanks - David

David L. Cloe  
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

From: Ashe, Christopher C  
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 7:56 AM  
To: Cloe, David; Batla, Traci; Huston, Michael  
Cc: Brokenshire, Kent; Dorelien, Astrid; Williams, Stacy D; Hefright, Brook E  
Subject: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS
Extension Request

**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon DHS Colleagues,

We would appreciate your help on two fronts. First, if you could pass the attached letter from the Haitian Ambassador on to Secretary Kelly’s staff in advance of his upcoming (we understand May 18) review and decision of TPS for Haiti. We would like to ensure that Secretary Kelly has this request from the Government of Haiti for the extension.

Second, can you please provide a POC to our WHA Haiti colleagues as to who can assist the Haitian Ambassador with setting up a meeting between Haitian Foreign Minister Rodrique and Secretary Kelly next week so that he can make his government’s case directly to the Secretary for a TPS extension.

Thanks for your help,

Chris

Christopher C. Ashe
Director (Acting)
Office of International Migration
Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration
U.S. Department of State

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**From:** Brokenshire, Kent C  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 6:14 PM  
**To:** Ashe, Christopher C  
**Cc:** Merten, Kenneth H; Williams, Stacy D; Dorelien, Astrid  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue

Chris:

DHS requested Haitian government input on the issue of TPS for Haitians.

Attached please find a letter from Ambassador Altidor of Haiti requesting that Haitians not be returned for the time being.

I would appreciate your passing the attachment as well as the email below to your contacts at DHS who requested this input. Please note that the email below is from the Haitian ambassador requesting a meeting between the Haitian Foreign Minister and DHS Secretary Kelly.
Please pass to us the name of the individual and the office who will receive this information, so we can put Ambassador Altidor in contact with them.

Thanks and have a nice evening.

Kent

Kent C. Brokenshire
Deputy Haiti Special Coordinator
Office Director
WHA/HSC - Rm 4908
Department of State

From: Paul Altidor [mailto:bX6]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Merten, Kenneth H
Subject: Meeting request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue

Ambassador Merten:

I hope this email finds you well.

On behalf of the President and the Government of Haiti, I am addressing the attached letter to DHS Secretary John Kelly regarding the status of Haitian citizens living in the US under TPS. The government of Haiti is requesting an extension of TPS for Haitians.

Our Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Antonio Rodrigue, is also formally requesting a meeting with Secretary Kelly to discuss this matter further. The most suitable dates for such a meeting are Tuesday, May 9th, Wednesday, May 10th or Thursday, May 11th. If neither of these dates work, we are open to discussing other mutually convenient dates.

The Embassy of Haiti in Washington DC is formally soliciting the assistance of your office to facilitate the meeting request for Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue as well as ensuring that Secretary Kelly receives the attached letter.

Please let me know if you wish that the original hard copy of this letter be delivered to your office so that it can be transmitted to DHS.

I thank you and look forward to your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Altidor

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Paul G Altidor
Ambassador of Haiti to the US
Washington, DC
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Our new window to offer is Monday 1:30-3:30.
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March 24, 2017

The Honorable Rex Tillerson
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW Washington, D.C. 20520

The Honorable John F. Kelly
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Ave, NW Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretaries Tillerson and Kelly

We write to respectfully request that you extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for eligible Haitian nationals residing in the United States. Currently TPS for Haitian nationals is set to expire on July 22, 2017. In light of the continued devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew in 2016 and the ongoing cholera epidemic, we do not believe it is safe or humane to deport non-violent Haitian nationals back to Haiti at this time.

Hurricane Matthew caused widespread devastation that affected more than 2 million people, damaged tens of thousands of homes, schools, and other buildings, destroyed agricultural crops and public water systems, and increased communities’ vulnerability to waterborne diseases, like cholera.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) was created for precisely this reason – to offer temporary, humane protection to foreign nationals living in the U.S. when extraordinary conditions make it impossible for them to return home. We believe the continued widespread damage and destruction in Haiti make these people eligible for continued TPS designation, and we urge you to swiftly consider extending it past the current deadline of July 22, 2017.

We believe this is again the safest route to avoid further burdening the Haitian government in this time of severe distress. Current law already provides strict eligibility criteria to protect our national security, such as excluding criminals from this designation. TPS is not a pathway to citizenship, nor is it a means for bringing over relatives. When the TPS designation of a country is terminated, those foreign nationals revert to the immigration status they held before the designation was granted.
In short, TPS is a temporary, humane, compassionate response that the U.S. can make in addition to all the other assistance we are providing in the region. We must assist the victims of this natural disaster and ongoing epidemic. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles Schumer
United States Senator

Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator
From: Cloe, David  
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 3:56 PM  
To: Petyo, Briana  
Cc: Giska, Sara  
Subject: RE: Haitian Ambassador to the US

As promised...

David L. Cloe  
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

From: Petyo, Briana  
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 2:53 PM  
To: Cloe, David  
Subject: RE: Haitian Ambassador to the US

Okay. I updated the FO with your new rec. If you could get me a scheduling request by this evening I think we can get this in the right place.

From: Cloe, David  
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 2:41 PM  
To: Anderson, Kathryn E; Levine, Laurence D; Nicholson, Maura J; Ruppel, Joanna; Immigration Policy  
Cc: Giska, Sara; Nuebel Kovarik, Kathy; Prelogar, Brandon B; Risch, Carl C; Young, Todd P; Renaud, Tracy L; Petyo, Briana  
Subject: FW: Haitian Ambassador to the US

All – Wanted you to see this second letter (which has gone forward to S1’s staff) and updated note from Ambassador Altidor below.
Thanks - David

David L. Cloe
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

From: Paul Altidor [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 10:19 AM
To: Cloe, David [mailto:]
Subject: Re: Haitian Ambassador to the US

Mr. Cloe:

Thank you for your prompt reply. Attached to this email is a follow-up letter that I am addressing to Secretary Kelly on behalf of the Haitian government. I would appreciate your assistance in ensuring that Secretary Kelly receives the attached letter.

As for your questions, I would like to point out that the main objective for the Foreign Minister to come to Washington DC is to meet with Secretary Kelly. As for a suitable time, the Foreign Minister would travel to DC as early as Wednesday this week so he can meet Secretary Kelly on Thursday or Friday. Alternatively, early next week is also an option. However, given the sensitive nature of this TPS issue for both of our countries, we would strongly prefer to meet with Secretary Kelly this week.

The Haitian government, through my office has been in constant contact with members of Congress and the State Department on this issue. This morning, I am due to meet with Congressional leaders to further highlight the detrimental effect that a non-renewal of TPS would have on both of our countries. While in DC, Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue would certainly meet with other agencies and leaders on Capitol Hill. The lines of communications have already been established with other relevant entities. As for meetings with other agencies within DHS, I personally plan to meet with them.

As previously stated, our priority is to meet with Secretary Kelly given that DHS is the only agency that we have not had a chance to engage with on this critical issue. We strongly hope that the Secretary would be available later this week to meet with Foreign Minister Rodrigue.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me. I appreciate your assistance in ensuring that Secretary Kelly receives the attached letter.

I thank you for your time and look forward to hearing back from you regarding this meeting request.

Regards,

Ambassador Altidor

DHS-001-659-001824
On Fri, May 5, 2017 at 4:10 PM, Cloe, David [b](6) wrote:

Ambassador Altidor – It’s a pleasure to hear from you and was expected – I was in touch with Mr. Merten’s staff at the State Department earlier today.
I received your letter to Secretary Kelly and have already sent it forward to his staff. However, the secretary is currently on travel outside the United States, so I ask for your patience regarding a response.
Regarding the request for a meeting between Haitian Foreign Minister Rodrique and Secretary Kelly. I will request this meeting, but was hoping you could answer some questions first:

1) When will the foreign minister be in Washington, and what specific dates/blocks of time will he be available for a meeting with Secretary Kelly?

2) Could you tell what other visits (with members of Congress, other members of the executive branch, etc.) are scheduled or have been requested?

3) Have you requested any separate meetings with other agencies or offices that are part of DHS, such as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services?

Thank you – once I have that information, I’ll send a meeting request forward to Secretary Kelly’s staff immediately.
Very Respectfully -
David L. Cloe
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

From: Paul Altidor [mailto:b](6)
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 2:15 PM
To: Cloe, David [b](6)
Subject: Haitian Ambassador to the US

Mr. Cloe:

My name is Paul G. Altidor, the current Haitian Ambassador to the United States. Mr. Kenneth Merten, the Haiti Coordinator at the State Department, passed me your contact info.

Yesterday, I addressed a letter to DHS Secretary John Kelly on behalf of the government of Haiti via the office of Mr. Merten at the State Department. I understand that the letter was sent to your office. In addition to the letter, my office here in DC has also requested a meeting for Haiti’s Foreign Minister with Secretary Kelly. We would welcome the opportunity to meet
with Secretary Kelly to further clarify why we believe a renewal of TPS for Haitians would be in the best interests of both of the United States and Haiti.

I am reaching out to you to seek your assistance in facilitating this meeting with Secretary Kelly. I am personally available to speak with you on this TPS matter as well. Please let me know when would be a good time for us to have a conversation.

I thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Ambassador Altidor

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**Paul G Altidor**

Ambassador of Haiti to the US

Washington, DC

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SCHEDULING PROPOSAL FORM

TODAY’S DATE: May 8, 2017

TO: Office of Scheduling & Advance
   Secretary John Kelly
   E-mail: (b)(6)

FROM: Michael Dougherty, Acting Assistant Secretary for
       Border, Immigration, and Trade, Office of Policy,
       (b)(6)

REQUEST: Meeting with Haitian Minister of Foreign Affairs
          Antonio Rodrigue.

PURPOSE: To discuss the Government of Haiti’s request for renewal of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian citizens. TPS for Haitians in the United States has been in place since shortly after the 2010 earthquake and will reach a deadline for renewal on July 22nd. Haitian Ambassador to United States Altitodor has written two letters in the last four days (May 4th and 8th) to Secretary Kelly advocating for an eighteen-month extension of TPS. His primary rationale is that an 18-month extension will allow the nascent administration of Haitian President Jovenel Moise to implement a development plan that will be aided by continued remittances from Haitians living in the United States. Ambassador Altitodor and Foreign Minister Rodrigue also plan to meet with members of Congress and other relevant agencies to advocate for a TPS extension. PLCY recommends that S2 accept this meeting.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: You have not met previously with Foreign Minister Rodrigue.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday or Friday May 11
               Friday, May 12

DURATION: 45 minutes

BRIEFING TIME: 15 minutes

LOCATION: NAC, Washington, DC

PARTICIPANTS: DHS
Deputy Secretary Duke
Acting A/S for Policy Dougherty
USCIS Leadership (TBD)

Haiti
Foreign Minister Rodrigue
Ambassador Alitdor

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: You will meet with Minister Rodrigue at the NAC.

REMARKS REQUIRED: No

MEDIA COVERAGE: No
I think it might have been after. Okay, I can modify our rec based on the new email today.

From: Cloe, David  
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 2:49 PM  
To: Petyo, Briana  
Subject: RE: Haitian Ambassador to the US

Heavy sigh – you didn’t get my e’mail?

David L. Cloe  
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

From: Petyo, Briana  
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 2:48 PM  
To: Cloe, David  
Subject: RE: Haitian Ambassador to the US

I thought we said PLCY and USCIS? I went back to FO this morning and said that was our rec.
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DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean  
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To: Petro, Briana
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Subject: FW: Haitian Ambassador to the US
Date: 2017/05/08 11:28:57
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David L. Cloe
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 10:19 AM
To: Cloe, David
Subject: Re: Haitian Ambassador to the US

Duplicate
How are requests from senior prelates handled?

From: Ashley Feasley

Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 7:48:30 PM

To: Dougherty, Michael

Subject: Meeting Request- May 8th Morning/May 9th Afternoon

Michael,

Good afternoon. Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today. We are very appreciative to Secretary Kelly for meeting with Archbishop Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, who is the Vice President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. We would like the opportunity to continue to dialogue and engage on some follow up issues. One such issue is how the Catholic Church can work together more with DHS where appropriate. Another issue is Secretary’s Kelly upcoming decision on whether to extend TPS for Haiti. (I have attached a letter that we and some Catholic partners sent to Secretary Kelly on the issue on April 17, 2017.)
Archbishop Wenski of the Archdiocese of Miami will be in town next Monday May 8th- Tuesday May 9th. If possible he would appreciate speaking in particular on the TPS issue to Secretary Kelly and key DHS staff as it is important to his archdiocese. We understand you are very busy and hope that an in-person meeting could be possible during Monday May 8th- morning is preferred but the Archbishop can be flexible on the time of the day. Additionally, the Archbishop has time on May 9th in the afternoon.

I am happy to provide any additional information to you via email or phone.

I hope that you will consider this request.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Ashley

Ashley Feasley
Director of Policy
USCCB/MRS
3211 4th Street NE
Washington DC, 20017
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April 17, 2017

The Honorable John F. Kelly
Secretary, Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

VIA EMAIL

RE: Extension of TPS Designation for Haitians

Dear Secretary Kelly,

We write to urge you to extend the designation of Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for an additional 18 months. As you know, Haiti was initially designated for TPS after the 2010 earthquake and then redesignated for TPS in 2011; the most recent extension of this status is set to expire on July 22, 2017.¹

As Haitians cannot be safely returned to Haiti at this time, our nation has a moral responsibility to provide continued temporary protection. Haiti has yet to recover from the devastation left in the wake of Hurricane Matthew, which struck in October 2016 and is said to be the nation’s largest humanitarian emergency since the 2010 earthquake. The flooding and destruction caused by the hurricane has contributed to a significant increase in cholera and food shortages. Reports indicate that there was a 40% increase in cholera in the months following the disaster,² with 41,421 cholera cases and 447 cholera-related deaths reported in 2016.³ In addition, massive crop and livestock loss has impacted the harvest season and is expected to lead to continued food insecurity in 2017.⁴ Unfortunately, the devastation has also left many areas without the ability to provide basic health care to vulnerable individuals. The suffering and destruction that remains in Haiti was most recently illustrated by reports that 240 individuals who lost their homes and crops during the disaster have been forced to take shelter in a cave near the Jérémie area since the hurricane.⁵ It is with great sadness that we know of this dire situation in Haiti that is corroborated by our Catholic partners on the ground who are attempting to provide relief.

Given the current country conditions in Haiti, terminating TPS would be inhumane and untenable. We ask you to show compassion and patience during Haiti’s path to recovery. We are concerned

⁴ OCHA, supra note 2.
about the Haitian people and believe that one element of ensuring stability is extending the designation of TPS for Haiti.

Haiti is in no position to accommodate the return of the estimated 58,000 Haitians who have received TPS from the United States. Doing so would undoubtedly destabilize the small nation and potentially bring harm to those returned. In addition, terminating TPS would needlessly create a large unauthorized Haitian population in the U.S., lead to family separation, and cause DHS to expend resources and detention bed space on individuals who are already registered with our government and whose safe return is forestalled by dire humanitarian conditions. Furthermore, not extending TPS would strain American communities that have significant Haitian populations.

Accordingly, we urge you to extend the TPS designation, pursuant to Section 244(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, until individuals’ return and reintegration can be safely accomplished. This will allow Haitians to continue to legally work, contribute to our communities in an authorized capacity, and live with dignity. In addition, it would help facilitate Haiti’s long-term reconstruction by refraining from returning 58,000 people to a fragile country and, instead, allowing those individuals to continue to send home remittances to help that country rebuild.

For these reasons, extending TPS is both a compassionate and reasonable action. We ask that you grant this extension as soon as possible. We appreciate your consideration of this request, as many of our Dioceses here in the United States have relationships of mission and pastoral care and outreach with many Dioceses in Haiti. Many of our Catholic people have a knowledge of the difficult situation in Haiti and a great care and commitment to outreach to them. The Catholic Church stands ready to support measures to protect the well-being and dignity of Haitian families during Haiti’s path to recovery.

Respectfully,

Most Rev. Joe Vasquez  
Chairman, Committee on Migration  
USCCB

Sean Callahan  
President and CEO  
Catholic Relief Services

Sr. Donna Markham, OP, PhD  
President & CEO  
Catholic Charities USA

Most Rev. Kevin Vann  
Chairman, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.

cc:  James McCament, Acting Director and Permanent Deputy Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Lee Cisnna, Presidential Nominee for Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Yeah beyond Francis we don’t have anyone who could take. Can it be rescheduled?

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**From:** Lewis, Starr (CTR)
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 08:44 AM Eastern Standard Time
**To:** Petyo, Briana
**Subject:** RE: Pre-Brief on Haiti TPS

It’s with A/AS PRM Henshaw, A/DIR USCIS McCament and PDAS Merten – now that I think about it, Eric may not be a good candidate because of the level of people calling in. Correct?

Thank you,

Starr
DHS Headquarters, Office of Policy

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**From:** Petyo, Briana
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 08:34 AM
**To:** Lewis, Starr (CTR)
**Subject:** Re: Pre-Brief on Haiti TPS

Who’s the meeting with again? Fo?

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**From:** Lewis, Starr (CTR)
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 08:32 AM Eastern Standard Time
**To:** Petyo, Briana
Subject: RE: Pre-Brief on Haiti TPS

Francis isn’t able to cover – how about Eric Johnson?

Thank you,

Starr
DHS Headquarters, Office of Policy

From: Petyo, Briana
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 8:04 AM
To: Lewis, Starr (CTR) [b](6)
Subject: Re: Pre-Brief on Haiti TPS

Makes sense. Ask Francis to cover

From: Lewis, Starr (CTR)
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 08:02 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: Petyo, Briana
Subject: Pre-Brief on Haiti TPS

Hi Briana,

Mr. Dougherty will be in the sedan on a touch point call with CBP &ICE from 11-11:45, would it be possible to see if Francis Cissna could dial into the Haiti TPS 11:45 pre-brief?

Thank you,
Starr

Starr Lewis
Executive Assistant
Border, Immigration &Trade
DHS Headquarters - Office of Policy

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Makes sense. Ask Francis to cover
I would suggest we treat it like any other high level engagement request. I will send up a scheduling request to S2 (S1 will be in the ME) and you would obviously be in the seat supporting her for PLCY or S2's office could decide to delegate to PLCY.

From: Dougherty, Michael  
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 07:54 PM Eastern Standard Time  
To: Petyo, Briana  
Subject: FW: Meeting Request- May 8th Morning/May 9th Afternoon

How are requests from senior prelates handled?

From: Ashley Feasley  
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 7:48:30 PM  
To: Dougherty, Michael  
Subject: Meeting Request- May 8th Morning/May 9th Afternoon
I'm ok with it Eric thanks.

From: Johnson, Eric  
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 5:04:13 PM  
To: Dougherty, Michael  
Cc: Petyo, Briana  
Subject: RE: TPS Haiti - State Talking Points for Review

Good point. Might be too early. I'll touch base with USCIS at the staff level to see what their internal timeline looks like. That will inform when we might want to engage with State more directly. In the meantime, it might be helpful to provide State with a generic talking point they can use if/when asked about it. Maybe something like this, which has been previously cleared by DHS...?

From: Dougherty, Michael  
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 4:28 PM  
To: Johnson, Eric  
Cc: Petyo, Briana  
Subject: RE: TPS Haiti - State Talking Points for Review

Thanks for sharing this.

If we're a month out from announcement, and S1 is holding his cards, is it usual for us here at DHS to send out draft materials for Public Affairs so far in advance?
Michael Dougherty  
Office of Policy  
Department of Homeland Security  

From: Johnson, Eric  
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 3:22 PM  
To: Dougherty, Michael  
Cc: Petyo, Briana  
Subject: FW: TPS Haiti - State Talking Points for Review

A/S Dougherty and Briana,

Two documents are attached for your review, preferably by COB 4/12. Both are about TPS for Haiti. The first version is for TPS termination and the second version is for TPS extension.

My understanding is that S1 is leaning one way, but has reserved his right to make a final decision until shortly before he is required to give notice (roughly mid-May). Given the number of people at DHS and State who typically deal with TPS, and that it often gets significant external attention, my suggestion is to send State both versions (they originally only sent us the termination version and asked for approval). This will allow for a controlled and coordinated roll-out of S1’s final decision when it is made and will reduce the likelihood of information being disseminated to external audiences prematurely.

If the edits look okay to you, I’ll send them to Gillian Christensen at OPA who will then forward them over to State’s Public Affairs team.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,
Eric

From: Christensen, Gillian  
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:49 AM  
To: Johnson, Eric  
Cc: Petyo, Briana  
Subject: RE: DOS-DHS coordination - DHS decision on TPS for Haitian citizens - DHS Media

Note, DOS press guidance, French+Creole, media hub amplification

Got it. Thanks Eric!

From: Johnson, Eric  
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:48:03 AM
To: Christensen, Gillian
Cc: Petyo, Briana
Subject: RE: DOS-DHS coordination - DHS decision on TPS for Haitian citizens - DHS Media Note, DOS press guidance, French+Creole, media hub amplification

Gillian,

I’m reviewing State’s press guidance document now and will likely have a few minor edits. Will get it back to you shortly, certainly before their April 12 COB deadline.

Would also note that folks around DHS, particularly ICE, are starting to make inquiries so if anyone asks, I’m either not responding or simply saying no final determination has been made. Let me know if I should handle it differently.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Many thanks,
Eric

From: Christensen, Gillian
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 4:35 PM
To: King, Matthew
Subject: FW: DOS-DHS coordination - DHS decision on TPS for Haitian citizens - DHS Media Note, DOS press guidance, French+Creole, media hub amplification

Hey Matt - Who is the best person on your staff to touch base with on the TPS/Haiti issue? See the note from State below.

Always a hot topic!

Cheers,
Gillian

From: Ravin, Judith
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 2:35:07 PM
To: Christensen, Gillian; Burke, Jenny; Gonzalez, Barbara M
Cc: Beale, Courtney A.
Subject: DOS-DHS coordination - DHS decision on TPS for Haitian citizens - DHS Media Note, DOS press guidance, French+Creole, media hub amplification

Gillian, Jenny and Barbara: my understanding is DHS will soon be making a determination about extension/termination of TPS for Haitian citizens. State would like to be closely coordinated to anticipate press needs in advance as (1) a news leak is possible, (2) public and media interest is high, (3) this comes up in every public engagement with diaspora and wider audiences and just came up on an Apr 10 VOA Creole interview with a Political Officer from post.
Attached is draft press guidance for your review and edits. If I have your clearances by Apr 12 COB, I will hold this until a final determination is made. If DHS DOES extend TPS, obviously I will resend revised!

Pls confirm DHS plans to do a Media Note for release as soon as the DHS decision is published in the Federal Register. Will they put this out on @FedRegister Twitter account? With 59,000 Haitians in the U.S., we want to make sure this info gets out there from official sources. Is this approach ok w/ DHS?

State can assist by translating into French and Creole your Media Note, putting out on social media via the Embassy, retweeting DHS (if you wish) from our Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs Spokesperson account (if Joe Crook agrees), and sending DHS Media Note out in three languages thru Media Hub of the Americas in Miami (to target Haitian diaspora media), U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince, and twitter accounts of Francophone posts in Canada (Haitian diaspora will spread the word there, too) and @USAenFrancais Twitter account in French out of our Media Hub in Brussels. Again, pls confirm you are ok w/ this plan or what your alternate strategy would be.

Haitians are quite attentive to this development. If the news breaks, it must be transparent and coordinate from USG sources. You agree? --Judith

Judith Ravin
Public Affairs Officer
U.S. Department of State | WHA/Office of the Haiti Special Coordinator
http://www.state.gov/p/wha/hsc

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I can be the POC on this if we need one/it's appropriate. Touching base with tmrw on today's TPS meeting with S1.

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Cheers,

Gillian
From: Ravin, Judith

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 2:35:07 PM

To: Christensen, Gillian; Burke, Jenny; Gonzalez, Barbara M

Cc: Beale, Courtney A.

Subject: DOS-DHS coordination - DHS decision on TPS for Haitian citizens - DHS Media Note, DOS press guidance, French+Creole, media hub amplification

Gillian, Jenny and Barbara: my understanding is DHS will soon be making a determination about extension/termination of TPS for Haitian citizens. State would like to be closely coordinated to anticipate press needs in advance as (1) a news leak is possible, (2) public and media interest is high, (3) this comes up in every public engagement with diaspora and wider audiences and just came up on an Apr 10 VOA Creole interview with a Political Officer from post.

Attached is draft press guidance for your review and edits. If I have your clearances by Apr 12 COB, I will hold this until a final determination is made. If DHS DOES extend TPS, obviously I will resend revised!

Pls confirm DHS plans to do a Media Note for release as soon as the DHS decision is published in the Federal Register. Will they put this out on @FedRegister Twitter account? With 59,000 Haitians in the U.S., we want to make sure this info gets out there from official sources. Is this approach ok w/ DHS?

State can assist by translating into French and Creole your Media Note, putting out on social media via the Embassy, retweeting DHS (if you wish) from our Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs Spokesperson account (if Joe Crook agrees), and sending DHS Media Note out in three languages thru Media Hub of the Americas in Miami (to target Haitian diaspora media), U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince, and twitter
accounts of Francophone posts in Canada (Haitian diaspora will spread the word there, too) and @USAenFrancais Twitter account in French out of our Media Hub in Brussels. Again, pls confirm you are ok w/ this plan or what your alternate strategy would be.

Haitians are quite attentive to this development. If the news breaks, it must be transparent and coordinate from USG sources. You agree? --Judith

Judith Ravin

Public Affairs Officer

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Honorable John F. Kelly
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Secretary Kelly:

We write to encourage you to exercise your authority under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a) to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Haitian nationals who have been residing in the United States and benefitting from this program.

Through TPS, our country has been committed to providing a safe haven to individuals unable to securely return to their home country due to ongoing environmental disasters and violence that have severely impacted their country. On January 12, 2010, Haiti was hit by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake causing massive devastation throughout the country. The earthquake is estimated to have directly affected 3,000,000 people, nearly one-third of Haiti’s population. In addition, the earthquake destroyed government buildings, hospitals, schools, and vital aid offices, including the United Nations’ mission headquarters. Haiti, to this day, continues to rebuild from this debilitating earthquake.

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Within the context of the terrible damage wrought by Hurricane Matthew, Haiti continues its efforts to rebuild from the 2010, 7.0 magnitude earthquake, and recover from the Cholera outbreak of the same year.
The United States remains steadfast in assisting Haiti with its democratic development and providing necessary assistance for reconstruction, development, and humanitarian relief. Given the continued difficult conditions in Haiti, we urge your administration to extend the TPS designation, within all applicable rules and regulations, for Haitian nationals who are currently living in, and contributing to, our great country.

Sincerely,

Alcee L. Hastings  Bill Nelson  Marco Rubio  
Member of Congress  United States Senator  United States Senator

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Chad, Elizabeth: Quick readout of the call with Minister Goodale yesterday. I’ll share this with our Embassy, as well as with components. Kevin will be especially interested in the safe third discussion, as well as the instructions regarding information sharing.

Sensitive but Unclassified

Acting Secretary Duke spoke September 19 with Canadian Minister of Public Safety Ralph Goodale for about 30 minutes.

Minister Goodale began the call by congratulating the acting Secretary for her stewardship of DHS, recalling that he had a great working relationship with former Secretary Kelly, and stating that he hoped to continue the strong partnership between Public Safety and DHS.

The Minister spoke at some length about the importance of the border to both countries, calling it the most successful border in the history of the world. He noted that 400,000 people and 2 billion dollars in trade cross the border every day. He noted that former Secretary Kelly had testified of his wish to “thin” the border. The Minister said that message resonated in Canada, though Canada recognizes the need to balance security and facilitation.

The Minister then turned to the issue of asylum seekers crossing from the U.S. into Canada between ports of entry. He noted that the number of such crossers has increased 500 percent this year. The two areas where they are seeing the most crossings are on the Manitoba/Minnesota border (7-800 this year), but especially at a spot on the Quebec/Vermont border where they’ve seen almost 10,000 crossings this year.

Minister Goodale noted that this has become an important security and public policy issue in Canada, and that he wants to work together with us to determine why it is
happening and how we can cooperate to mitigate the flow and encourage people to use the Ports of Entry (POEs).

Acting Secretary Duke asked the Minister if he had details on the composition of the border crossers. The Minister acknowledged that U.S. and Canadian officials are working together to analyze the flow, but he said that he understood that 30 percent are undocumented in the U.S., many of the Vermont-Quebec crossers are Haitians, and that they understand anecdotally that many of them are reacting to their fear that TPS will end soon. The Minister also noted that a significant number of border crossers apparently have status in the United States, and it would be important to understand what is driving them to cross into Canada.

Minister Goodale explained that Canada is undertaking an outreach campaign to the Haitian community in the United States to clarify that there is no free pass into Canada, and that Canada has a legal process for seeking asylum. He said that they have dispatched officials to speak directly to Haitian communities, and that they are using traditional and social media to reach out as well.

He noted that Canada is aware that TPS will soon expire for other countries, and acting Secretary Duke told him about upcoming decisions for Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador, as well as Haiti. The Minister expressed concern that they could see another spike as a result of decisions affecting nationals of those countries.

Acting Secretary Duke promised to stay in contact with Canada regarding those decisions, and suggested that we coordinate our messaging to limit the impact, whatever way those decisions go. The Minister agreed.

Minister Goodale then raised the issue of a possible renegotiation of a safe third country, saying “We’d like to talk about what that might look like.” Acting Secretary Duke said that we would be willing to listen to a Canadian proposal. She explained that we are looking at strengthening our asylum framework to eliminate fraud. The Minister noted that our officials are slated to talk on September 29, and that safe third could be a subject of discussion. Acting Secretary Duke agreed that would be an appropriate venue to have a preliminary discussion.

The Minister concluded by saying that he will be issuing new instructions to his various agencies regarding information sharing with foreign countries. These instructions will be issued in the coming days. The instructions are aimed at greater transparency but they will not change anything in practical terms. He didn’t want the acting Secretary to be surprised.

The Acting Secretary and Minister concluded the call by agreeing to continue the discussion on the margins of the G-7 meeting in Italy in October.
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I spoke yesterday afternoon with the Haitian Ambassador to urge progress on preparing Haitian citizens to return home with the impending end of TPS. James McCament was on the call as well.

I asked the Ambassador to update us on his Government’s efforts to (1) contact citizens who are currently benefitting from TPS; (2) their efforts to provide documentation, such as passports, to those who need to return to Haiti; and (3) their communication plan to inform Haitians benefitting from TPS that they need to prepare to return home.

The Ambassador said the call was very opportune since he’d been about to reach out to Secretary Kelly to request a meeting. He said that the new Government understands that TPS is a temporary program, but that Haiti is not ready to absorb a large number of returnees. He said the Government is focused on creating an environment in which returnees would be welcome, in which they could expect to find adequate housing and work opportunities, but that those conditions don’t yet exist. He said they don’t want to welcome their citizens back only to see them attempt to return to the United States for lack of opportunity, or worse, be attracted to criminal activity because of lack of legitimate work opportunities. He said that many TPS beneficiaries have been away from Haiti for a long time and have become accustomed to a very different standard of living than what they will find in Haiti currently. He emphasized that the Government is focused on improving conditions at home to change that dynamic.

In regard to my specific questions, he said that there are various public information campaigns that are attempting to inform Haitians in the U.S. of the temporary nature of TPS, and for the need to eventually return home. In terms of documentation, he said there are no issues. Any Haitian citizen who presents themselves to a Consulate will be
able to obtain a passport or other necessary document. There was little detail offered in this part of the conversation.

Finally, the Ambassador asked directly if TPS will end in 2018. His message was clear – “we understand it’s a temporary program, but we’re not ready, please extend it.”

FYI, our phone conversation followed up on a meeting last week between the Ambassador and Ken Merten, State’s Haiti Coordinator and former U.S. Ambassador to Haiti, as well as conversations taking place between the Embassy and the Government in Haiti. We’re all on the same page in terms of urging the Haitians to do much more.

We agreed to meet soon and continue the discussion. Jim

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James- do we have any information on the TPS registrants in terms of current jobs or education?

Would seem if the majority of folks are highly educated and have jobs in the US (many years living here), the concerns about return, joblessness and potentially turning to crime may be overstated.

From: Nealon, James

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 7:07:36 AM
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of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act
We didn’t talk about the Haitians on the Mexican border. Oh well.

Gene P. Hamilton
Senior Counselor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

From: Chang, Aaron
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:48:02 AM
To: Peto, Briana; Neumann, Elizabeth; Hamilton, Gene
Subject: FW: Palace statement

FYSA. Unofficial Translation below (from Google Translate):

The President of the Republic received the US Secretary of Homeland Security at the National Palace

Port-au-Prince, Wednesday 31 May 2017: The President of the Republic, His Excellency Jovenel Moïse, accompanied by the Prime Minister, Dr. Jack Guy Lafontant, Foreign Ministers and Religious Affairs, Mr. Antonio Rodrigue, Interior and Local Government, Mr. Max Rodolphe Saint Albin, received on Wednesday 31 May 2017, the US Secretary of Homeland Security, Mr. John Kelly, on a visit to Haiti.

During a one-on-one meeting between the Head of State and the US Secretary of Homeland Security, many issues of importance to both countries were discussed, including the revitalization of bilateral cooperation, Foreign direct investment and immigration. Issues related to the Haitian compatriots detained on the Mexican border and a possible extension of the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) program to 50,000 Haitians living on American soil were particularly at the heart of the discussions.

The President of the Republic, on behalf of Haiti, reiterates his administration's determination to pursue cooperation between the two
countries in the best interests of the two Haitian and American peoples, particularly in terms of immigration and security.

Aaron Chang
Director of Scheduling and Advance and Chief of Protocol
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

From: Hall, Lydia S (Port-Au-Prince) [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2017 7:59 AM
To: Chang, Aaron; Lapan, David
Subject: Palace statement

All local press are reporting that S1 promised to work with the GOH on any “eventual extension” and most headlines say that S1 left the door open to an extension. Given S1’s message in the radio interviews, I expect the story will change somewhat when those interviews come out.

Best,
Lydia

Le Président de la République a reçu le Secrétaire américain à la Sécurité intérieure au Palais National


Au cours d'un tête-à-tête réalisé à cette occasion entre le Chef de l'Etat et le Secrétaire américain à la Sécurité intérieure, beaucoup de sujets d'importance pour les deux pays ont été abordés dont la redynamisation de la coopération bilatérale, l'investissement direct étranger et l'immigration. Les questions liées aux compatriotes haïtiens retenus sur la frontière mexicaine et à une éventuelle prolongation du programme Temporary Protection Status (TPS) en faveur d'une cinquantaine de milliers d'Haïtiens vivant sur le sol américain, ont été particulièrement au cœur des discussions.

Le Président de la République, au nom d'Haïti, renouvelle la détermination de son administration à poursuivre dans les meilleurs termes la coopération entre les deux pays, dans l'intérêt mutuel des deux peuples haïtien et américain, notamment au niveau de l'immigration et de la sécurité.
https://www.communication.gouv.ht/presidence/2017/06/01/le-president-de-la-republique-a-recu-le-secretaire-americain-a-la-securite-interieure-au-palais-national/

Lydia S. Hall
Political Officer | U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince
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Cc: Dougherty, Michael
Subject: RE: Haiti Readout

I am standing with the embassy contact. I can share w. Her if ok?

Aaron Chang
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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From: Hoffman, Jonathan
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State wants to know if they can see it before it goes out, and then if GOH can see it also. I am relaying a message and backing out of this discussion.

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Gene P. Hamilton
Senior Counselor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: Cloé, David
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 5:28:33 PM
To: Claffey, Lauren; King, Matthew; Hoffman, Jonathan; Chang, Aaron; Neumann, Elizabeth; Lapan, David; Hamilton, Gene; Petyo, Briana; Whelan, Justine
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Subject: RE: Haiti Readout

Lauren – Reads well to me. Perhaps consider spelling out TPS – Temporary Protected Status in the first paragraph.

David L. Cloé
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean
202-447-4647 (O); 202-731-4438 (M)

From: Claffey, Lauren
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 5:26 PM
To: King, Matthew; Hoffman, Jonathan; Chang, Aaron; Cloé, David; Neumann, Elizabeth; Lapan, David; Hamilton, Gene
With King, Hamilton, and Neumann and Lapan edits. Others?

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One small note – this reads a little funny in second para:

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Matthew H. King
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of International Engagement
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

From: Claffey, Lauren

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David L. Cloe
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

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Three paragraphs about the meeting that can be released publicly. We should be able to write it before the meeting and tweak it a little afterward if things change.

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To be clear, what you need from Policy is a read-out of today’s meetings that will be used in a press release?

I can draft something now, but (obviously) will need for someone who actually attended the meetings to clear on accuracy and desired messaging.

David L. Cloe  
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

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Policy had the tasking yesterday to prepare.

Dave and Matt were in contact about it. Waiting for a draft.
From: Neumann, Elizabeth  
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 10:53 AM  
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Aaron - who is asking?

Jonathan - assume your team has the lead for coordinating with Policy as needed.

We will be on the plane in about an hr and can be more responsive then.

From: Lapan, David  
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Where are we on this? Have we started drafting it?

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Director of Scheduling and Advance  
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Cc: McCament, James W  
Subject: TPS -- upcoming decisions and timelines

All –

Thank you all for being on last week’s call about Temporary Protect Status Decisions. Attached is a summary of the discussion between DHS and USCIS regarding the process of submitting decision memos and Federal Register Notices on TPS decisions. In the attachment is an updated chart with deadlines for each country.

Below is an internal timeline for the decision making for the Central American Countries – Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador

- **Tuesday, 9/19/17:** Office of Policy and Strategy will work to present recommendations to AD1.

- **Wednesday, 9/20/17:** OP&S and OCC meet with AD1 to discuss country conditions and recommendations.

- **Thursday, 9/21/17:** USCIS meets with DHS PLCY, Secretary’s advisors and OGC to inform of USCIS recommendation w/r/t each country and basis of recommendation. Immediately following that meeting, OP&S finalizes any edits needed to the FRNs.

- Reminder:
  - TPS for Honduras and Nicaragua ends on January 5, 2018. The Secretary is required to make a decision 60 days prior (November 6, 2017).
  - DHS will, at the very least, circulate informally to OMB-OIRA who will then circulate to DOS, NSC, DPC, et. al.
  - Considering the above, ideally, S1 should make a “preliminary final” decision NLT two weeks before our NLT targeted publication date, or by 10/20/17, to give us leeway for a little over 1 week for any back-and-forth resulting from the OMB review.
Friday, 9/29/17: USCIS provides the TPS packages for each of the countries with D1’s signature on the memos and approval for DHS submission.

DHS (either RCD or OGC) should have signed FRNs in hand for OFR delivery NLT 11 am, Thursday, November 2, 2017, to be successful in publishing the FRNs in the Federal Register on Monday, Nov. 6th (under an emergency schedule).

I will send out another email soon about Haiti’s timelines. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kathy Nuebel Kovarik
Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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+ Joanne and doc. She will share with our State contact we've been coordinating with and ask to facilitate GOH vis as FYI only.
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Subject: RE: Haiti Readout

Here’s my draft. Included information on the UN (MINUSTAH) meeting as well. Note that I use language that specifically hints at TPS drawing to a close (versus continued extensions), based on the May 15th meeting and prep session I attended with S1 on the subject. I would suggest at least sharing this with State (versus asking for their clearance) to see if they pick up on any red flags.

Today, Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly met with Haitian President Jovenel Moïse and other senior government officials to discuss Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for qualifying Haitians in the United States, Haitian Government programs to support the reception and reintegration of returning migrants, and other areas of collaboration, to include border security and maritime law enforcement. In explaining his recent decision to extend TPS for only six months, versus previous extensions of 18 months, Secretary Kelly reiterated that the program is meant to be temporary in nature. The secretary added that following several positive developments in recent months, to include the decision by the United Nations to withdraw the UN Mission for Stabilization in Haiti (MINUSTAH) in October 2017 and inauguration of President Moïse in February 2017, Haiti is showing signs of recovery following the 2010 earthquake.

Secretary Kelly thanked Haitian officials for their support in receiving Haitian migrants returned from the United States and discussed Moïse Administration plans to draw Haitian migrants currently residing in the United States back to the island, where their skills and capital can be used to help expand the Haitian economy. Secretary Kelly also emphasized his willingness to support Haitian efforts to build maritime law enforcement and border security capacity, highlighting a recent joint visit by border officials from Haiti and the Dominican Republic to the U.S.-Mexican border to observe cooperation to bolster trade and target transborder crime.

Just before departing Port-au-Prince, Secretary Kelly held a brief meeting with UN leaders in Haiti, including Special Representative of the Secretary General and Head of Mission Sandra Honoré and
We need to remove mention of maritime LE. That barely came up.
Good catch. Please clean up, delete the maritime reference and let's finalize and push out.

From: King, Matthew  
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 5:20:14 PM  
To: Claffey, Lauren; Hoffman, Jonathan; Chang, Aaron; Cloe, David; Neumann, Elizabeth; Lapan, David; Hamilton, Gene; Petyo, Briana; Whelan, Justine  
Cc: Dougherty, Michael  
Subject: RE: Haiti Readout

One small note – this reads a little funny in second para:

Secretary Kelly also emphasized his willingness to the support of Haitian efforts...

Perhaps: Secretary Kelly also emphasized his willingness to the support of Haitian efforts...

Matthew H. King  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of International Engagement  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
(202) 282-8711  
Matthew.King@hq.dhs.gov
We did not discuss maritime security or border security.

Gene P. Hamilton
Senior Counselor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
All,

We had some additional engagement with the Ambassador today. PLCY’s updated read is that they are unlikely to back down on such a request until they meet with our FO. As such, we would modify to recommend S2, PLCY, and USCIS. We are sending a scheduling request to reflect this today.

Thanks
Briana

From: McCament, James W  
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 11:06 AM  
To: Petyo, Briana; Neumann, Elizabeth; Hamilton, Gene; Dougherty, Michael; Hayes, Bradley; Risch, Carl C; Nuebel Kovarik, Kathy  
Cc: Brodsky, Marcy  
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request  

Thank you Briana. We are happy to support and can discuss further with Michael.

James W. McCament  
Acting Director  
Deputy Director  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20529-2150

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From: Petyo, Briana
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 11:03:26 AM
To: Neumann, Elizabeth; McCament, James W; Hamilton, Gene; Dougherty, Michael; Hayes, Bradley; Risch, Carl C; Nuebel Kovarik, Kathy
Cc: Brodsky, Marcy
Subject: Re: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request

PLCY is preparing a scheduling request and working with the Ambassador on availability in case the Secretary wants to take the meeting, however, we recommend PLCY and USCIS take the meeting instead.

From: Neumann, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 10:51 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: McCament, James W; Hamilton, Gene; Dougherty, Michael; Hayes, Bradley; Risch, Carl C; Nuebel Kovarik, Kathy
Cc: Brodsky, Marcy; Petyo, Briana
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request

Jim and Michael,
Is State reaching out directly to the front office to submit a request for a meeting between S1 and Haitian Foreign Minister? Or is this chain the request?

If the latter- what is your recommendation as to whether he should take the meeting?

Thanks,
Elizabeth

From: McCament, James W
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 9:12 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene; Dougherty, Michael; Hayes, Bradley; Risch, Carl C; Nuebel Kovarik, Kathy; Neumann, Elizabeth
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request
All,

Closing the loop on today’s call with DOS, which was fairly brief. The acting A/S for PRM (Simon Henshaw) and acting PDAS for WHA Ken Merten were on the call with the conversation principally between the 3 of us. (Kathy and Carl, please chime in if I’ve missed any points). Below are the key points:

1. DOS provided a TPS recommendation to their Secretary’s office on Tuesday May 2\textsuperscript{nd} requesting a decision by Friday May 12\textsuperscript{th};
2. I noted that if a decision is made by then and transmitted to S1, I believe, but cannot assure, he would receive and consider—but that May 22\textsuperscript{nd} is rapidly approaching so the sooner a recommendation is received the better;
3. DOS noted they were recommending a 12 month extension of TPS but noted they cannot speak for what their Secretary may decide;
4. Acknowledged to DOS that DHS had received the letter from the Ambassador and corollary email chain requesting a meeting between S1 and the Foreign Minister (I note in my below email I incorrectly referred to the meeting as being requested between the Ambassador and S1);
5. DOS asked if David Cloe of DHS Policy was their poc for coordinating this possible meeting and I said we assumed so unless they heard otherwise from DHS Policy;
6. I emphasized that we cannot speak for S1’s schedule but David, or another poc, would likely be in touch with DOS counter parts to discuss further;
7. PRM flagged both El Salvador and Honduras TPS coming up for decision soon and asking if they would follow the regular consultative process. I said yes that we would follow the process as was also attempted to be done during this round by our staff;
8. Finally, we discussed setting up a follow-on status call next Thursday to determine the latest status of the Secretary of State’s review and consideration of the recommendation.

Let us know if you have further questions or need more information.

Thanks all,

James

James W. McCament  
Director (Acting) | Deputy Director  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security

[DHS ICON]
From: McCament, James W  
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 11:00 AM  
To: Hamilton, Gene; Dougherty, Michael; Hayes, Bradley; Risch, Carl C; Nuebel Kovarik, Kathy; Neumann, Elizabeth  
Subject: FW: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request  

Good morning all,

FYI: flagging this letter received this AM from the Haitian Ambassador formally requesting an extension of TPS and stay of deportations. (Received through DHS Policy so I know it will be flagged separately to you all as well). Noting that in the below email chain there is a request from DOS to set up a meeting between the Haitian Ambassador and S1 next week.

I have an 11:00 call with DOS-WHA to follow on last week’s call (summary attached). We’ll let you know of further feedback and will advise that the request has been received.

Thank you,

James

James W. McCament  
Director (Acting) | Deputy Director  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security  
Deputy Director’s Office

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From: Anderson, Kathryn E  
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 9:46 AM  
To: Levine, Laurence D; Nicholson, Maura J; Cloe, David; Ruppel, Joanna; Immigration Policy  
Cc: Giska, Sara; Nuebel Kovarik, Kathy; Prelorog, Brandon B; Risch, Carl C; Young, Todd P; McCament, James W; Renaud, Tracy L  
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request
Thanks for sharing this. We just received it from our State PRM colleagues, as well. James, they asked that we make sure you had it prior to your call with WHA on Haiti TPS this morning.

From: Levine, Laurence D  
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 9:06:21 AM  
To: Nicholson, Maura J; Cloe, David; Ruppel, Joanna; Immigration Policy  
Cc: Giska, Sara; Nuebel Kovarik, Kathy; Prelogar, Brandon B; Risch, Carl C; Young, Todd P; Anderson, Kathryn E  
Subject: RE: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request  

Adding Kathryn as well.
Good morning all – wanted you to see this note from State and letter to S1 from the Haitian FM. Any thoughts on the matter before I forward (via PLCY) to S1’s staff?

Thanks - David

David L. Cloe
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

From: Ashe, Christopher C
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 7:56 AM
To: Cloe, David; Batla, Traci; Huston, Michael
Cc: Brokenshire, Kent C; Dorelien, Astrid; Williams, Stacy D; Hefright, Brook E
Subject: Meeting Request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue with Secretary Kelly and TPS Extension Request

Good Afternoon DHS Colleagues,

We would appreciate your help on two fronts. First, if you could pass the attached letter from the Haitian Ambassador on to Secretary Kelly’s staff in advance of his upcoming (we understand May 18) review and decision of TPS for Haiti. We would like to ensure that Secretary Kelly has this request from the Government of Haiti for the extension.

Second, can you please provide a POC to our WHA Haiti colleagues as to who can assist the Haitian Ambassador with setting up a meeting between Haitian Foreign Minister Rodrique and Secretary Kelly next week so that he can make his government’s case directly to the Secretary for a TPS extension.

Thanks for your help,

Chris

Christopher C. Ashe
Director (Acting)
Office of International Migration
Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration
U.S. Department of State

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From: Brokenshire, Kent C  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 6:14 PM  
To: Ashe, Christopher C  
Cc: Merten, Kenneth H; Williams, Stacy D; Dorelien, Astrid  
Subject: FW: Meeting request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue

Chris:

DHS requested Haitian government input on the issue of TPS for Haitians.

Attached please find a letter from Ambassador Altidor of Haiti requesting that Haitians not be returned for the time being.

I would appreciate your passing the attachment as well as the email below to your contacts at DHS who requested this input. Please note that the email below is from the Haitian ambassador requesting a meeting between the Haitian Foreign Minister and DHS Secretary Kelly.

Please pass to us the name of the individual and the office who will receive this information, so we can put Ambassador Altidor in contact with them.

Thanks and have a nice evening.

Kent

Kent C. Brokenshire  
Deputy Haiti Special Coordinator  
Office Director 

From: Paul Altidor [mailto:paul.altidor@diplomatie.ht]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 5:24 PM  
To: Merten, Kenneth H  
Subject: Meeting request for Haitian Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue

Ambassador Merten:

I hope this email finds you well.

On behalf of the President and the Government of Haiti, I am addressing the attached letter to DHS Secretary John Kelly regarding the status of Haitian citizens living in the US under TPS. The government of Haiti is requesting an extension of TPS for Haitians.

Our Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Antonio Rodrigue, is also formally requesting a meeting with Secretary Kelly to discuss this matter further. The most suitable dates for such a meeting are Tuesday, May 9th, Wednesday, May
10th or Thursday, May 11th. If neither of these dates work, we are open to discussing other mutually convenient dates.

The Embassy of Haiti in Washington DC is formally soliciting the assistance of your office to facilitate the meeting request for Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue as well as ensuring that Secretary Kelly receives the attached letter.

Please let me know if you wish that the original hard copy of this letter be delivered to your office so that it can be transmitted to DHS.

I thank you and look forward to your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Altidor

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Paul G Altidor
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Great notes, David, thank you for sharing these with us.
Thank you, and sorry for not saying so earlier.

Gene P. Hamilton
Senior Counselor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

From: Dougherty, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 8:50 PM
To: Cloe, David <David.Cloe@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Hamilton, Gene <gene.hamilton@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Peto, Briana <briana.peto@hq.dhs.gov>; Hayes, Bradley <bradley.hayes@hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Haiti

Great notes, David, thank you for sharing these with us.
Thank you Briana. We are happy to support and can discuss further with Michael.

James W. McCament  
Acting Director  
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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security  
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John, thanks for your note. I’ll be on official travel for two weeks starting this Saturday, back in the office on Monday, October 30. In the meantime, I’m sure folks here would be delighted to talk about TPS. There are five decisions pending in the near term: Honduras and Nicaragua, with decisions due November 6; Haiti, with a decision due November 22; El Salvador, January 9; and Syria, with decision due January 31. Note that these decisions have to be made 60 days prior to actual expiration of TPS.

Mike Dougherty and Briana Petyo, both copied on this message, can help arrange a meeting. Best regards, Jim

Amb. Nealon:

I hope all is well.
Per our conversation at the UNHCR event two weeks ago, I was wondering if you and your staff would be willing to come talk to us at some point next week about TPS and possible upcoming decision points. We are looking to stay ahead of the curve on any upcoming designations or cancellations.

Please let us know when works best for you and your staff starting with next Monday 10/16.

Thanks in advance,

John A. Zadrozny
Justice and Homeland Security
Domestic Policy Council
Executive Office of the President
MEETING WITH HAITIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANTONIO RODRIGUE
May 15th, 2017

Objective:

Meeting Logistics
You will be meeting for 45 minutes with Minister Rodrigue at the NAC.

Background on Antonio Rodrigue:
You have not previously met with Minister Rodrigue as the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Background on Relationship with Haiti:
DHS Priorities for the Meeting:

You should express appreciation for the Government of Haiti’s commitment to accepting the return of its nationals in coordination with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

- There are roughly 2,300 Haitians currently in detention, down from 4,000 at the start of 2017. Many Haitians continue to claim credible fear, which has delayed processing. Of the individuals currently in detention, around 150 are under executable final orders of removal; these are normally recently arrived non-criminal populations that attempt to enter the United States via the Southwest Border (SWB). Of those attempting to enter via the SWB, the numbers are dramatically down from last year, and currently average four per day. ICE/ERO conducts one flight per week with an average of 87 people per flight.
- Regarding the criminal population, ICE averages one flight per month with an average of 30 individuals per flight.
- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) was facilitating a $10 million grant to assist the Haitian government in accepting removals from the United States; depending on the number of flights, this funding is projected to expire in the next 3-4 months. USAID and State have already been in communication with the GOH to manage expectations surrounding the expiring funds, pointing out in numerous meetings that is a GOH responsibility to provide reception support for these removals and the U.S. would continue removals regardless of IOM assistance. Haitians who are returned by the Bahamian Government (also via flights) or by the USCG to maritime ports receive no reception services from the IOM or Haitian Government.

Issues that Minister Rodrigue is Likely to Raise During the Meeting:

Minister Rodrigue is likely to spend nearly the entirety of the meeting focusing on the extension of Temporary Protected Status for Haitian citizens. He will likely raise the same points raised by Ambassador Altidor in his two letters to DHS. They cite the remaining destruction left in Hurricane Matthew’s wake and the Government of Haiti’s present inability to accommodate a mass return of Haitian citizens to the island as reasons to request an eighteen-
month extension. Minister Rodrigue will likely argue that the Government of Haiti, if granted the extension, will be able to develop the capacities to receive the return of these Haitian citizens at the end of this period. Minister Rodrigue will also likely express faith in the newly-minted Moïse Administration to make strides in rebuilding the local economy so the nation will be in better financial footing to provide an improved living environment for returned Haitian nationals in the near future.

Participants:
DHS
Secretary Kelly

Foreign Delegation
Minister of Foreign Affairs Antonio Rodrigue

Attachments:
A. Letters from Haitian Ambassador Altitador
B. Talking Points
C. Biography

Staff Responsible for Briefing Memo: David Cloe, Director for Latin American and Caribbean Affairs, Office of Policy

OGC Reviewer: Attorney in Component Counsel or HQ, Title, Phone Number.
All – Wanted you to see this second letter (which has gone forward to S1’s staff) and updated note from Ambassador Altidor below.

Of note, we’re going to recommend that S2, along with PLCY officials and USCIS leadership accept the meeting request. I would assume that USCIS would prefer NOT to meet with the Foreign Minister separately, but please let me know if that’s incorrect.

I have not been tracking internal discussions on TPS and Haiti; if/when the meeting is finalized, our leadership will obviously need the latest information and recommended talking points – just putting that on your radar.

Thanks - David

David L. Cloe
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

From: Paul Altidor (mailto:Paul.Altidor@dhs.gov)
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 10:19 AM
To: Cloe, David
Subject: Re: Haitian Ambassador to the US
Mr. Cloe:

Thank you for your prompt reply. Attached to this email is a follow-up letter that I am addressing to Secretary Kelly on behalf of the Haitian government. I would appreciate your assistance in ensuring that Secretary Kelly receives the attached letter.

As for your questions, I would like to point out that the main objective for the Foreign Minister to come to Washington DC is to meet with Secretary Kelly. As for a suitable time, the Foreign Minister would travel to DC as early as Wednesday this week so he can meet Secretary Kelly on Thursday or Friday. Alternatively, early next week is also an option. However, given the sensitive nature of this TPS issue for both of our countries, we would strongly prefer to meet with Secretary Kelly this week.

The Haitian government, through my office has been in constant contact with members of Congress and the State Department on this issue. This morning, I am due to meet with Congressional leaders to further highlight the detrimental effect that a non-renewal of TPS would have on both of our countries. While in DC, Foreign Minister Antonio Rodrigue would certainly meet with other agencies and leaders on Capitol Hill. The lines of communications have already been established with other relevant entities. As for meetings with other agencies within DHS, I personally plan to meet with them.

As previously stated, our priority is to meet with Secretary Kelly given that DHS is the only agency that we have not had a chance to engage with on this critical issue. We strongly hope that the Secretary would be available later this week to meet with Foreign Minister Rodrigue.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me. I appreciate your assistance in ensuring that Secretary Kelly receives the attached letter.

I thank you for your time and look forward to hearing back from you regarding this meeting request.

Regards,

Ambassador Altidor

On Fri, May 5, 2017 at 4:10 PM, Cloe, David wroted:

Ambassador Altidor – It’s a pleasure to hear from you and was expected – I was in touch with Mr. Merten’s staff at the State Department earlier today.
I received your letter to Secretary Kelly and have already sent it forward to his staff. However, the secretary is currently on travel outside the United States, so I ask for your patience regarding a response.
Regarding the request for a meeting between Haitian Foreign Minister Rodrique and Secretary Kelly.
I will request this meeting, but was hoping you could answer some questions first:
1) When will the foreign minister be in Washington, and what specific dates/blocks of time will he be available for a meeting with Secretary Kelly?

2) Could you tell what other visits (with members of Congress, other members of the executive branch, etc.) are scheduled or have been requested?

3) Have you requested any separate meetings with other agencies or offices that are part of DHS, such as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services?

Thank you – once I have that information, I’ll send a meeting request forward to Secretary Kelly’s staff immediately.  

Very Respectfully -  
David L. Cloe  

DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean  

From: Paul Altidor (mailto:Paul Altidor)  
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 2:15 PM  
To: Cloe, David (mailto:Cloe)  
Subject: Haitian Ambassador to the US  

Mr. Cloe:  

My name is Paul G. Altidor, the current Haitian Ambassador to the United States. Mr. Kenneth Merten, the Haiti Coordinator at the State Department, passed me your contact info.  

Yesterday, I addressed a letter to DHS Secretary John Kelly on behalf of the government of Haiti via the office of Mr. Merten at the State Department. I understand that the letter was sent to your office. In addition to the letter, my office here in DC has also requested a meeting for Haiti’s Foreign Minister with Secretary Kelly. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with Secretary Kelly to further clarify why we believe a renewal of TPS for Haitians would be in the best interests of both of the United States and Haiti.  

I am reaching out to you to seek your assistance in facilitating this meeting with Secretary Kelly. I am personally available to speak with you on this TPS matter as well. Please let me know when would be a good time for us to have a conversation.  

I thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you.  

Regards,  

Ambassador Altidor  

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Ambassador of Haiti to the US
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The USCIS-drafted response is fine (I just cleared) but I wanted you to be aware of the WP inquiry.

From: Talbot, Joanne  
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:53 PM  
To: Meyers, Deborah  
Subject: FW: FOR VIS: WaPo Haiti TPS inquiry--Deadline today

Good afternoon Ms. Meyers.

Q6. And also a comment about reports that many Haitians are fleeing the U.S. for Canada?  
DHS has indicated that it is aware of Haitians crossing into Canada from the United States and the agency is working with the Canadian government to better understand and address these movements.

Could you please let me know?

Thanks,

Joanne

Joanne F. Talbot  
Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Public Affairs
From: Langston, Robert C (Carter)
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 2:50 PM
To: Lapan, David [b](6) ; Talbot, Joanne [b](5)
Cc: Christensen, Gillian M [b](6) ; Hatchett, Dolline L [b](6)
Subject: FOR VIS: WaPo Haiti TPS inquiry--Deadline today

For your visibility, USCIS will provide response by COB today unless we hear otherwise.

WASHINGTON POST
Deneen Brown
Deadline: COB Today

Asked questions about Haiti TPS. They have been cleared through USCIS Program Office.

Q1. How many Haitians currently have TPS?
58,706 (current as of Dec. 31, 2016)

Q2. Have their work permits already expired?
If USCIS received a request for re-registration and for a new employment authorization document (EAD) during the Haiti TPS re-registration period, and the applicant is found eligible, the applicant will receive a new EAD—with an expiration date of January 22, 2018, the date to which Haiti TPS was extended.

Q3. Is there a possibly of an extension beyond January? Many activists say the conditions in Haiti have not improved as described by then-Secretary Kelly. Are there plans for another assessment of conditions in Haiti?
At least 60 days before Jan. 22, 2018, the Acting Secretary (or Secretary) of DHS will re-evaluate the TPS designation for Haiti and will determine whether another extension, a redesignation, or a termination is warranted, in full compliance with the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Q4. What will Homeland Security do about Haitians who have TPS and also have children who are U.S. citizens? Will families be torn apart? What are the plans regarding families?
Haitians with TPS may apply for other immigration benefits that they may be eligible for at any time.

Q5. Could I get a comment from DHS regarding the growing panic in Haitian communities?
Prior to the existing January 22, 2018 expiration date of Haiti’s TPS designation, the Acting Secretary (or Secretary) of DHS will re-evaluate the TPS designation for Haiti and determine whether another extension or a termination is warranted under the Immigration and Nationality Act. When Secretary Kelly announced the limited six-month extension in May, he emphasized that Haitian TPS recipients living in the United States should attain travel documents and make other necessary arrangements for their ultimate departure from the United States, and the Haitian government should prepare for the future repatriation of current TPS recipients in case Haiti’s TPS designation is not extended again.

Q6. And also a comment about reports that many Haitians are fleeing the U.S. for Canada?
DHS has indicated that it is aware of Haitians crossing into Canada from the United States and the agency is working with the Canadian government to better understand and address these movements. Further comment about this will have to come from DHS at MediaInquiry@hq.dhs.gov.

**Q7. What is the impact on the U.S. economy if they are deported?**

A. USCIS does not have information to provide an answer to this question.

Best regards,

Carter

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**R. Carter Langston**  
Deputy Chief, Media Relations Division  
Office of Communications | U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Briana — Still a little confused. What exactly was dropped in the amended request? If I’m reading it correctly, and “records” includes e’mails, we’re talking thousands of documents...

David L. Cloe  
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean
Plcy Exec Sec –

IMM Plcy clears without comment.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the response.

Regards,

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From: Plcy Exec Sec  
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Subject: [Due 4/12 at 10:00am] [USCIS Comment/Clearance] Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL) re: Requests extension of TPS designation for Haiti (WF #1140761).

Good afternoon BIT/IMM,

Please review the attached USCIS-drafted response to Rep. Alcee Hastings and provide comments/edits (in Track Changes) or clearance to PLCY Exec Sec by **10:00am on Wednesday, April 12**.

BIT-Americas and TPSP/SCO have been cc’d for awareness and possible equities.

Best regards,

**Grant Blanton**
Social Science Analyst
Office of Policy, Executive Secretariat
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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All – Please see the note below from a colleague at State. I gather from Kent’s note below that Public Affairs at State has already been in touch with DHS/OPA, but wanted to make sure everyone addressed above was aware.

Thanks - David

David L. Cloe
DHS Office of Policy for Latin America/Caribbean

From: Brokenshire, Kent C [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 5:21 PM
To: Cloe, David
Cc: Ravin, Judith, Bowers, Allyson M, Williams, Stacy D

Subject: FW: pls URGENT clear - TPS press inquiry: JUDITH: Urgent request from USA Today (deadline was 4 pm)

David:

We received a press inquiry from USA Today, which you will find at the bottom of this email chain.

In reading the reporter’s letter below, it appears that information about the TPS deliberation process may soon be appearing in the press. I just wanted to flag this for you.

FYI: DHS (Gillian Christensen) has cleared on State’s response:
The Department of Homeland Security consults all relevant government agencies to review the conditions of the country in question to determine whether the conditions for the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation continue to be met.

Best,
Kent

Kent C. Brokenshire  
Deputy Haiti Special Coordinator  
Office Director

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From: Gomez, Alan  
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 2:59 PM  
To: WHA-Press  
Subject: Urgent request from USA Today

Hello,

My name is Alan Gomez and I’m a reporter with USA Today. I’m reaching out because we’ve obtained documents that we’re prepared to write about concerning Temporary Protected Status for Haiti, and they involve the State Department. We would like to get a response from State. My apologies, but we are moving very quickly on this story and would need a response by 4 pm. I know that’s very short notice, but we just received these documents and need to move fast. Here’s what we have:

- An April 10, 2017, decision from the acting director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, James McCament, where he concludes that Temporary Protected Status for Haiti should be terminated. TPS status has been extended to approximately 50,000 Haitians living in the U.S. ever since the 2010 earthquake, and the document concludes that “the conditions in Haiti no longer support its designation for TPS.” To be clear, the ultimate decision rests with DHS Secretary John Kelly. But since USCIS administers the program, this is a clear indication of the direction DHS is headed. In the letter, the USCIS acting director says it has not received any input from State. Quoting directly here:
“Despite recent outreach to discuss the matter, Secretary Tillerson has not provided any recommendation on Haiti’s TPS extension.”

- A draft rule that is being circulated among federal agencies that would terminate TPS status for Haiti.

Please let me know if State would like to provide any comment regarding the issue generally, or specific to Director McCament’s claim that the secretary of State did not provide any recommendations on this decision.

Thank you,

Alan

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Reporter
USA Today
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