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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS
12-MONTH EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS
FOR NATIONALS OF SUDAN

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Department of Homeland Security today announced a one-year extension to the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for nationals of Sudan. This extension, which covers approximately 525 Sudanese individuals, will be in effect from November 2, 2003 until November 2, 2004. Only those individuals who have been granted TPS under the TPS designation for Sudan must re-register for TPS. Under the extension, those who already have TPS will be eligible to reside and work in the United States until November 2, 2004.

“A 12 month extension is both a timely and sensible action. Circumstances of civil war and widespread social instability already endanger thousands of innocent civilians,” remarked Eduardo Aguirre, Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. “The return of Sudanese nationals at this time would pose a serious threat to their personal safety,” he added.

To re-register for the TPS extension, an applicant must submit Form I-821 (Application for Temporary Protected Status), Form I-765 (Application for Employment Authorization) and two identification photographs to the local United States Citizenship and Immigration Service district office no later than November 3, 2003. If submitted by mail, the application package must be postmarked on or before that date.

If the applicant is only seeking to re-register for TPS, there is no filing fee. However, all applicants who also seek an extension of employment authorization must submit a \$120 filing fee with their Form I-765. Applicants for an extension of TPS benefits do not need to submit new fingerprints nor the \$50 fee. Children who have already been granted TPS under the Sudan designation and who have now reached the age of 14, but have not been previously fingerprinted, must pay the \$50 fingerprint fee with their application for extension. Applicants may request a fee waiver in accordance with the regulations.

TPS beneficiaries who need to travel outside the United States prior to November 2, 2004 must receive advance parole from their local USCIS office prior to departing the United States. Advance parole allows an individual to travel abroad and return to the United States, and is issued on a case-by-case basis. Individuals who are granted Temporary Protected Status may apply for advance parole by filing Form I-131 (Application for Travel Document) at their local USCIS district office.

All forms are available from the toll-free USCIS Forms hotline, 1-800-870-3676, or from the USCIS website at www.immigration.gov.

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On March 1, 2003, U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) became one of three former INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.