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Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20016

RE: Interfaith request for 18-month extension and redesignation of Temporary Protected Status for South Sudan

Dear Secretary Nielsen:

We the 211 undersigned leaders of diverse faith communities and 97 faith-based organizations call on you to extend for 18 months and redesignate Temporary Protected Status, or TPS, for South Sudan. Our request is rooted in the morals and values of our faiths: we welcome, protect, and offer hospitality to those in need and believe that the United States must maintain its long-standing commitment to helping those seeking refuge. As the situation in South Sudan has deteriorated into one of the world's largest humanitarian disasters—marked by targeting of civilians, mass gender- and sexual-based violence, and starvation¹—the maximum protection possible under the TPS law is unequivocally demanded.

South Sudan was originally designated for TPS in 2011 shortly after the country gained independence from Sudan and new waves of violence were breaking out.² In addition to ongoing armed conflict, the country was facing extraordinary and temporary conditions, including widespread food and water shortages.³ When designating TPS for South Sudan, the then-Department of Homeland Security Secretary described mass displacement, lack of adequate humanitarian aid, and economic crisis.⁴ Since the original designation, as the war and humanitarian emergency in South Sudan has expanded, the country has received 18-month extensions and redesignations at every decision⁵ until the most recent Sept. 2017 decision, when it received an 18-month extension without redesignation.⁶

Today, with ongoing violence, pervasive sexual and gender-based violence used as a weapon of war, mass hunger and starvation, and lack of clean water, healthcare, and sanitation, we urge you to extend TPS for 18 months and redesignate in order to provide life-saving protection to those who have more recently escaped the conflict. According to a Sept. 2018 study by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, approximately 400,000 people in South Sudan have lost their lives since 2013 – half from the conflict itself and half from disease, starvation, and other reasons related to protracted war.⁷ During that same amount of time, at least 4 million people have been displaced.⁸ The horrors of the conflict led the United Nations Security Council to make the rare move of authorizing UN peacekeepers

¹ Megan Specia, *383,000: Estimated Death Toll in South Sudan's War*, THE NEW YORK TIMES (Sept. 26, 2018), www.nytimes.com/2018/09/26/world/africa/south-sudan-civil-war-deaths.html.

² 76 Fed. Reg. 63629 (Oct. 13, 2011), www.federalregister.gov/documents/2011/10/13/2011-26537/designation-of-republic-of-south-sudan-for-temporary-protected-status.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ See 78 Fed. Reg. 1866 (Jan. 9, 2013), www.federalregister.gov/documents/2013/01/09/2013-00051/extension-and-redesignation-of-south-sudan-for-temporary-protected-status; 79 Fed. Reg. 52019 (Sept. 2, 2014), www.federalregister.gov/documents/2014/09/02/2014-20709/extension-and-redesignation-of-south-sudan-for-temporary-protected-status; 81 Fed. Reg. 4045 (Jan. 25, 2016), www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/01/25/2016-01387/extension-of-the-designation-of-sudan-for-temporary-protected-status.

⁶ 82 Fed. Reg. 44205 (Sept. 21, 2017), www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/09/21/2017-20174/extension-of-south-sudan-for-temporary-protected-status.

⁷ Francesco Checchi, *Estimates of crisis-attributable mortality in South Sudan, December 2013-April 2018: A statistical analysis*, LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE (Sept. 2018), <https://crises.lshtm.ac.uk/2018/09/26/south-sudan-2/>.

⁸ *Id.*

and other UN security personnel to use force in order to protect civilian lives.⁹ Although a new peace agreement was signed in 2018, experts believe that like the past failed peace deals, it is flawed and unlikely to stop the violence and human suffering.¹⁰

The conflict in South Sudan continues to be marked by widespread sexual- and gender-based violence.¹¹ Doctors Without Borders reports abhorrent attacks occurring in recent months at the end of 2018, post peace-deal.¹² In an incident in Nov. 2018, 125 women and girls as young as ten years old were raped, whipped, and clubbed over a period of ten days while they were trying to seek food aid.¹³ In addition to this incident, there have been numerous reports of violations of the peace deal and continued conflict, with the first reports coming within a matter of hours after the peace deal was signed.¹⁴ In Sept. and Oct. 2018, Human Rights Watch documented rebel and governmental attacks, including a rebel attack on a military convoy escorting approximately 200 internally displaced persons.¹⁵ In Dec. 2018, new outbreaks of violence were reported including an attack against ceasefire monitors themselves.¹⁶

Since the onset of the war, children have suffered particular harm.¹⁷ An estimated 100,000 children have been recruited as child soldiers, abused, and exploited; tens of thousands have been left orphaned or separated from their families.¹⁸

In addition to armed conflict in South Sudan, an 18-month extension and redesignation of TPS is needed to protect people from the ongoing humanitarian crisis. The people of South Sudan continue to suffer severe food shortages.¹⁹ In Sept. 2018, 59 percent of the population, over 6 million people were facing crisis-level food shortage or worse, including 1.7 million facing emergency and nearly 50,000 facing catastrophe or famine, according to the Famine Early Warning System Network.²⁰ Although conditions are expected to improve following the 2018 harvest, “extreme levels of acute food security are expected to continue throughout the projection period [through May 2019] and some households will likely be in Catastrophe” or famine.²¹ Water, sanitation and hygiene also continue to be major issues in South Sudan. According to the 2018 South Sudan Humanitarian Needs Overview from the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, approximately 32 percent of the population does not have access to clean water and are drinking from contaminated sources.²² Over 5 million people are in need of health assistance in the South Sudan.²³

⁹ *Civil War in South Sudan: Global Conflict Tracker*, COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (updated Jan. 18, 2019), www.cfr.org/interactives/global-conflict-tracker#!/conflict/civil-war-in-south-sudan.

¹⁰ Megan Specia, *383,000: Estimated Death Toll in South Sudan's War*, THE NEW YORK TIMES (Sept. 26, 2018), www.nytimes.com/2018/09/26/world/africa/south-sudan-civil-war-deaths.html.

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ *South Sudan ceasefire violated hours after taking effect*, AL JAZEERA (June 30, 2018), www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/06/south-sudan-ceasefire-violated-hours-effect-180630110701463.html.

¹⁵ *South Sudan: Soldiers Attack Civilians in Western Region*, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH (Oct. 24, 2018), www.hrw.org/news/2018/10/24/south-sudan-soldiers-attack-civilians-western-region.

¹⁶ *IGAD Council of Ministers statement on violation of the revitalized agreement of resolution of the conflict on South Sudan R-ARCSS at Lure Training Center*, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT (Dec. 2018), <https://igad.int/programs/115-south-sudan-office/2021-igad-council-of-ministers-statement-on-violation-of-the-revitalized-agreement-of-resolution-of-the-conflict-on-south-sudan-r-arcss-at-lure-training-center>.

¹⁷ *2018 South Sudan Humanitarian Needs Overview*, UN OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (Dec. 5, 2017), <https://reliefweb.int/report/south-sudan/2018-south-sudan-humanitarian-needs-overview>.

¹⁸ *Id.*

¹⁹ *South Sudan Food Security Outlook, October 2018 to May 2019*, FAMINE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM NETWORK (Nov. 16, 2018), <https://reliefweb.int/report/south-sudan/south-sudan-food-security-outlook-october-2018-may-2019>.

²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ *Id.*

²² *2018 South Sudan Humanitarian Needs Overview*, UN OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (Dec. 5, 2017), <https://reliefweb.int/report/south-sudan/2018-south-sudan-humanitarian-needs-overview>.

²³ *South Sudan declares the end of its longest cholera outbreak*, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (Feb. 7, 2018), www.afro.who.int/news/south-sudan-declares-end-its-longest-cholera-outbreak.

As people of faith, we remain steadfast in our commitment to stand on the side of morality and welcome those in need. We call on our country to do the same. South Sudanese TPS holders are our brothers and sisters. Their families live and work in our communities, and their children have grown up in the United States. Safe return to South Sudan is impossible at this time for TPS holders and those that might qualify for TPS if it were redesignated. Accordingly, we call on you to grant the maximum protection possible through 18-month extension and redesignation.

Sincerely,

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American Friends Service Committee
Anti-Defamation League
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Caminando Juntos of the Presentation Sisters
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet
Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.
Catholic Multicultural Center
Centro Comunitario CEUS
Church World Service
Comboni Missionary Sisters
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces
Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes
Crossing Borders - Dubuque
Disciples Refugee and Immigration Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Dominican Sisters of Sparkill
Ecumenical Poverty Initiative
Franciscan Action Network
Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, New York
Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, US Area
Franciscans for Justice
Friends in Solidarity, Inc.
Greater New York Labor Religion Coalition
Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart
HIAS
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, USA-JPIC
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Immigrant and Refugee Committee, Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, O'Fallon, MO
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Immigration Support Services Network
Interfaith Council of Sonoma County
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Jesuit Social Research Institute
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Journey of Faith
Justice For Our Neighbors East Texas
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Leadership Conference of Women Religious
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
Mary's Place Refugee Outreach
Micah Institute
Moral Movement Maine
Multicultural Family Center
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Council of Jewish Women
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light
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Office of Social Justice at the Christian Reformed Church in North America
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Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church
Pax Christi Florida
Pax Christi USA
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Project IRENE
Refugee & Immigration Services
Sisters of Bon Secours, USA
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership
Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Institute Justice Team
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur USA

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Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa
Sisters of St. Joseph
Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden, PA
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange
Sisters, Home Visitors of Mary
Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
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St. Elizabeth Parish
St. John United Church of Christ
The Episcopal Church
The United Methodist Church
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries
United Methodist Church
United Methodist Women
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