

June 13, 2018

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Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Avenue NW
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RE: Request for 18-month extension and re-designation of TPS for Yemen

Dear Secretary Nielsen:

On behalf of the 141 undersigned national, state, and local faith-based organizations, as well as 515 faith leaders from across traditions, we respectfully urge you to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Yemen for another 18 months as well as redesignate in order to protect as many lives as possible from the country's brutal conflict and humanitarian crisis. Our call is rooted in our country's interfaith values. As Islamic doctrine teaches: "They love those who emigrated to them and find not any desire in their hearts of what the emigrants were given, but rather give them preference over themselves, even though they are in privation. Whoever is protected from the greediness of his own soul, then those will be successful." (Surat Al-Hashr 59:9)

A failure to extend TPS for Yemen for 18 months and redesignate would go against basic principles of human dignity, justice, and mercy. Approximately 1,100 Yemenis in the United States are protected by TPS today.¹ Yemen was first designated for TPS in 2015 in response to the escalating violence in the country which erupted in the summer of 2014 when the Houthis began their takeover of Yemen and sparked a civil war.² A coalition of regional actors led by Saudi Arabia intervened in March 2015, internationalizing and deepening the conflict.³ In the first few months of the war, 1.3 million civilians were displaced, 3,700 killed, and 18,000 injured.⁴ The war has created one of the most appalling humanitarian crises in the world, which prompted the 2017 18-month extension and redesignation of TPS.⁵ Today, armed conflict and extraordinary conditions are at the most devastating levels since the war began. According to the United Nations, the conflict has killed 10,000 people,⁶ though this is likely an undercount; the actual figure could be three times as high.⁷

In addition to the devastating impact of the civil war, civilians away from the frontlines are still not safe from the war's secondary effects.⁸ 22 million Yemenis—roughly 75 percent of the population—are in need of some form of humanitarian assistance.⁹ Mass hunger has led to horrific suffering across the country and famine looms: 17.4 million Yemenis are food insecure, and of these, 8.4 million are severely food insecure, a number which could more than double by the year's end according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.¹⁰ According to the Famine Early Warning System Network, 20 of Yemen's 22 governorates are facing acute food insecurity, and large pockets of the country are currently facing an emergency.¹¹

Less than half of Yemen's hospitals and medical centers are fully functional due to infrastructural damage and lack of supplies.¹² This lack of health infrastructure, combined with the ongoing targeting of public water systems, has engendered the worst cholera outbreak ever recorded—over one million suspected

¹ Jill H. Wilson, *Temporary Protected Status: Overview and Current Issues*, CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE (Jan. 17, 2018), <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/homesec/RS20844.pdf>.

² 80 Fed. Reg. 53319 (Sept. 3, 2015), www.federalregister.gov/documents/2015/09/03/2015-21881/designation-of-the-republic-of-yemen-for-temporary-protected-status.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ 82 Fed. Reg. 859 (Jan. 4, 2017), www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/01/04/2016-31003/extension-and-redesignation-of-the-republic-of-yemen-for-temporary-protected-status.

⁶ Kareem Shaheen, *Yemen death toll has reached 10,000*, UN SAYS, THE GUARDIAN (Jan. 16, 2017), www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jan/16/yemen-war-death-toll-has-reached-10000-un-says.

⁷ Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project, www.acledata.com/dashboard/#.

⁸ Daniel Nikbakht and Sheena McKenzie, *The Yemen war is the world's worst humanitarian crisis*, UN SAYS, CNN (April 3, 2018), www.cnn.com/2018/04/03/middleeast/yemen-worlds-worst-humanitarian-crisis-un-intl/index.html.

⁹ *Yemen: All Sides Fuel Humanitarian Crisis*, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH (Jan. 18, 2018), www.hrw.org/news/2018/01/18/yemen-all-sides-fuel-humanitarian-crisis; *With 22 Million People across Yemen Suffering, \$2.96 Billion Humanitarian Response Must Be Fully, Rapidly Funded, Secretary-General Tells Pledging Conference*, UNITED NATIONS (April 3, 2018), www.un.org/press/en/2018/sghsm18968.doc.htm.

¹⁰ UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY RELIEF COORDINATOR MARK LOWCOCK: *Statement on the situation in Yemen*, <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/ERC%20USG%20Mark%20Lowcock%20on%20Yemen%2024May2018.pdf>.

¹¹ *Yemen*, FEWS NET (April 2018), <http://fews.net/east-africa/yemen>.

¹² *Half of all health facilities in war-torn Yemen now closed; medicines urgently needed* - UN, UN NEWS (March 28, 2017), <https://news.un.org/en/story/2017/03/554212-half-all-health-facilities-war-torn-yemen-now-closed-medicines-urgently-needed>.

cases, resulting in over 2,000 deaths.¹³ Easily treatable diseases such as diphtheria and measles have also spread across multiple governorates,¹⁴ and these outbreaks are likely to worsen as the war continues. Overall, the humanitarian crisis has harmed children most severely; according to the international humanitarian organization Save the Children, over 130 Yemen children die per day from hunger and disease.¹⁵

In light of the ongoing armed conflict and extraordinary conditions, we pray that you heed our call to redesignate TPS for Yemen to protect more recently arrived Yemenis and extend the designation for at least another 18 months. As people of faith, we are reminded of Leviticus 19:33-34, which tells us: “Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.”

TPS holders are an integral part of the fabric of our community; they are our neighbors, peacefully living their lives, caring for their families, and contributing to the U.S. economy. Failure to extend and redesignate TPS for Yemen would risk the lives of thousands of our neighbors as Yemen remains consumed by a brutal war that shocks the world’s conscience. We implore you to think about the moral imperative to love our neighbor and welcome the sojourner, particularly those fleeing violence.

Sincerely,

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¹³ Emma Batha, *Yemen risks new cholera outbreak as rainy season begins*, REUTERS (May 3, 2018), www.reuters.com/article/us-yemen-cholera/yemen-risks-new-cholera-outbreak-as-rainy-season-begins-idUSKBN142T6.

¹⁴ *Yemen Humanitarian Update Covering April 2018*, UN OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (April 2018), https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/201800409_Humanitarian_Update_Final.pdf.

¹⁵ *130 Children Are Dying Every Day in Yemen, Aid Group Says*, BLOOMBERG NEWS (Nov. 16, 2017), www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-16/save-the-children-says-130-children-die-every-day-in-yemen.

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