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### **Temporary Protected Status for El Salvador to be Extended**

WASHINGTON, D.C.- As part of the Administration's ongoing efforts to assist El Salvador in its recovery from the devastating earthquakes that affected that nation, the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) announced today that Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for El Salvador will be extended for an additional 18-months until March 9, 2005. This TPS extension, which covers approximately 290,000 Salvadoran registrants, will take effect September 9, 2003 until March 9, 2005.

The BCIS will provide additional information and answers to frequently asked questions upon publication of the notice in the Federal Register next week.

Re-registration applications will not be accepted before the registration period officially begins.

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