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

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced today that nationals of Burundi, currently in the United States with Temporary Protected Status (TPS), can apply for a one year extension. This extension will allow approximately 30 nationals of Burundi to remain in the country until November 2, 2004.

The extension is only available to individuals who initially registered under the Burundi TPS designation, which ends November 2, 2003. Nationals of Burundi who are currently in the TPS program must re-register between September 3, 2003 and November 3, 2003. Under the extension, those who already have TPS are eligible to live and work in the United States for an additional year.

To register for the extension, an applicant must submit an Application for Temporary Protected Status, (Form I-821), an Application for Employment Authorization, (Form I-765) and two identification photographs to the local U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) district office by 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 Application for Employment Authorization.

Applicants for the extension do not need to submit new fingerprints or the \$50 fingerprint fee. Child beneficiaries of this status who are at least 14 years old must pay the \$50 fingerprint fee with their extension application if they have never before submitted fingerprints. In accordance with regulations, applicants may request a fee waiver.

TPS beneficiaries wishing to travel outside the United States and then return must receive permission, known as advance parole, from their local USCIS office prior to leaving the country. Advance parole is issued on a case-by-case basis. Individuals with TPS may apply for advance parole at their local USCIS district office.

All forms are available from the toll-free USCIS Forms hotline, 1-800-870-3676, or from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (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.