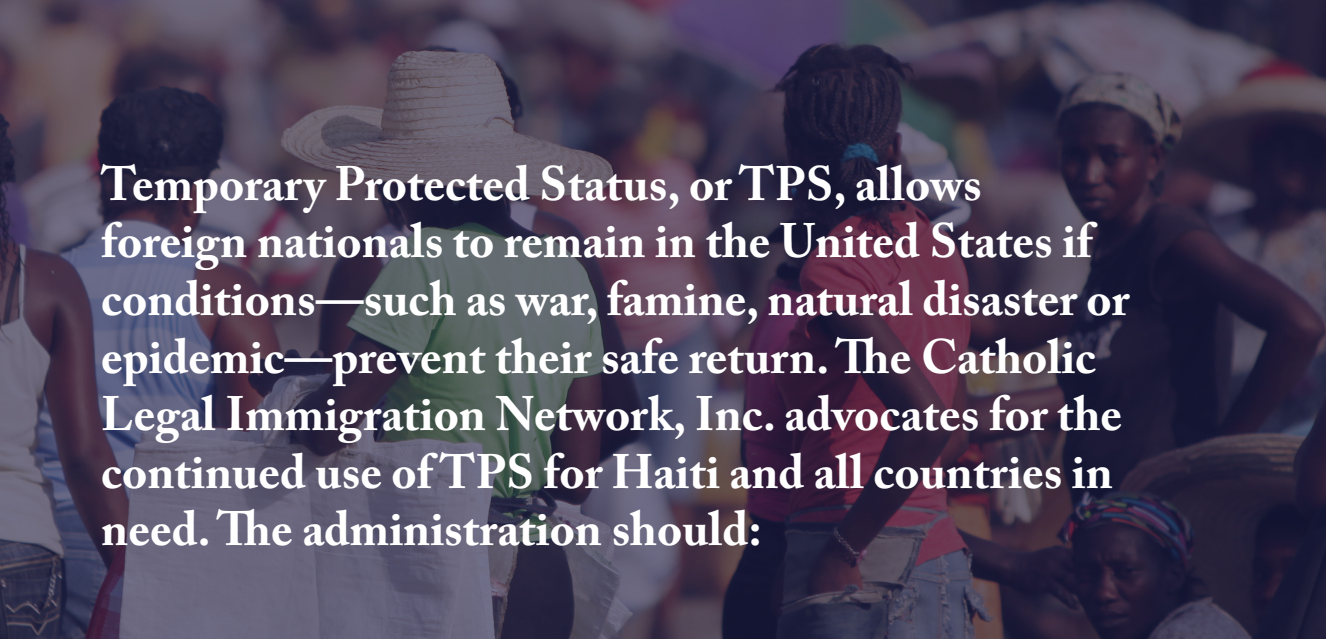


RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION REGARDING TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITI



Temporary Protected Status, or TPS, allows foreign nationals to remain in the United States if conditions—such as war, famine, natural disaster or epidemic—prevent their safe return. The Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. advocates for the continued use of TPS for Haiti and all countries in need. The administration should:

1

Continue to extend TPS for Haiti in 18-month increments as long as extraordinary and temporary conditions continue to exist that prevent Haitian TPS holders from safely returning to the country.

2

Honor the Haitian government's request to extend the current TPS designation for Haiti for 18 months, consider re-designation and accept the Haitian government's invitation to visit the country and survey conditions prior to making the determination.

3

Follow the process for making TPS extension determinations according to the law, which requires consultation with appropriate government agencies such as the State Department, timely publication of notices and extending TPS when conditions continue to warrant it.

4

Engage and consult with experts in civil society in the U.S. and in Haiti to better understand the conditions in Haiti, including a review of the consequences of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, which struck in September 2017.

5

Encourage Congress to create a permanent solution for Haitian and other TPS holders who have been in the U.S. for many years because their countries have remained unsafe.