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Dear Ms. Reddy:

Thank you for your September 14, 2022 letter to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requesting an extension of Burma's Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation and redesignation of TPS for Burma. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is principally responsible for advising the Secretary on TPS issues and implementing the program, and Secretary Mayorkas asked that I respond on his behalf.

I appreciate the concerns you have outlined regarding the situation in Burma and your interest in its extension and redesignation for TPS. As you know, on September 26, 2022, after careful consideration, including a thorough review of the country conditions and consultation with interagency partners, Secretary Mayorkas determined that the conditions for the TPS designation of Burma continued to be met, and accordingly extended and redesignated Burma for TPS for 18 months. This extension will be in effect from November 26, 2022, through May 25, 2024. For additional information, please see the press release announcing the extension and redesignation of TPS for Burma.<sup>1</sup>

DHS estimates that approximately 2,290 individuals may become newly eligible for TPS under the redesignation of Burma. On September 27, 2022, DHS published a *Federal Register* notice to provide instructions for initial applicants to register and current beneficiaries to re-register for TPS. See *Extension and Redesignation of Burma (Myanmar) for Temporary Protected Status* (87 FR 58515).<sup>2</sup> The *Federal Register* notice provides for the automatic extension of employment authorization documents that expire on November 25, 2022 and includes information about fees and how applicants may request a fee waiver, if necessary.

USCIS will continue to process pending TPS applications. Applicants with a pending Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, or Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, will not need to file either application again. If USCIS approves a pending Form I-821 that was filed during the initial designation of TPS for Burma, USCIS will grant the applicant TPS through May 25, 2024. Similarly, if USCIS approves a Form I-765 for

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/09/26/secretary-mayorkas-extends-and-redesignates-temporary-protected-status-burma>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/09/27/2022-20784/extension-and-redesignation-of-burma-myanmar-for-temporary-protected-status>

an initial applicant, USCIS will issue a new Employment Authorization Document (EAD) valid through May 25, 2024. USCIS will also plan and coordinate outreach opportunities regarding the extension of TPS for Burma to provide information and answer questions from the public.

In addition to TPS, USCIS also offers support that may be available upon request to assist eligible Burmese nationals who have been affected by conditions there, including the following:

- Change or extension of nonimmigrant status if eligible Burmese nationals are currently in the United States, even if the request is filed after the authorized period of admission has expired;
- Expedited processing of requests for advance parole documents;
- Expedited adjudication of requests for off-campus employment authorization for F-1 students experiencing severe economic hardship;
- Expedited adjudication of employment authorization applications, where appropriate;
- Assistance if applicants received a Request for Evidence or a Notice of Intent to Deny and were unable to appear for an interview, submit evidence, or respond in a timely manner because of the natural disaster; and
- Replacement of lost or damaged immigration or travel documents issued by USCIS, such as a Permanent Resident Card (Green Card).

More information on these options is available under “Special Situations” on our website at <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/special-situations>.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Please share this response with the other organizations that cosigned your letter. Should you require any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ur M. Jaddou", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ur M. Jaddou  
Director