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MEMORANDUM FOR: L. Francis Cissna
Director
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

James D. Nealon
Assistant Secretary for International Affairs
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FROM: Elaine C. Duke
Acting Secretary

SUBJECT: **Nicaragua's Designation for Temporary Protected Status**

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act pertaining to Temporary Protected Status determinations, I have reviewed information regarding the country conditions in Nicaragua. I have reviewed this information for the purpose of determining whether the conditions for the designation of Nicaragua under 8 U.S.C. § 1254a(b) continue to be met. The State Department has provided me with its view that the conditions under which Nicaragua was designated have ceased to exist, and that view is consistent with similar assessments provided to me from other sources. Furthermore, the State Department has notified me that the government of Nicaragua could adequately handle the return of their nationals. The Government of Nicaragua has not requested that I continue to extend its designation.

Based on the information that I have reviewed, I have concluded that Nicaragua no longer continues to meet the conditions for designation, and I am therefore terminating the designation for Nicaragua.

I hereby direct U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to prepare a suitable notice for publication in the Federal Register, as required by 8 U.S.C. § 1254a(b)(3)(B). Based on the information concerning Nicaragua and the population of nationals of Nicaragua present in the United States under the terms of the temporary protected status, I have determined that a twelve-month period following my determination, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1254a(d)(3), is appropriate to provide an orderly transition.