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IN RE: Applicant:

APPLICATION: Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254a

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT: Self-represented

INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) in your case.

This is a non-precedent decision. The AAO does not announce new constructions of law nor establish agency policy through non-precedent decisions. If you believe the AAO incorrectly applied current law or policy to your case or if you seek to present new facts for consideration, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen, respectively. Any motion must be filed on a Notice of Appeal or Motion (Form I-290B) within 33 days of the date of this decision. **Please review the Form I-290B instructions at http://www.uscis.gov/forms for the latest information on fee, filing location, and other requirements.** *See also* 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. **Do not file a motion directly with the AAO.**

Thank you,

Ron Rosenberg
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, Nebraska Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be summarily dismissed

The applicant claims to be a citizen of Haiti who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The director determined that the applicant's nine-month absence from the United States did not meet the definition of a brief, casual and innocent absence.[1] The director denied the application because the applicant failed to establish she had continuously resided in the United States since January 12, 2011, and she had been continuously physically present in the United States since July 23, 2011.

On appeal, the applicant does not address the basis for the denial of her application. The applicant indicates at Part 2 on the appeal form that no supplemental brief and/or additional evidence will be submitted.

8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v) states, in pertinent part:

> *Summary dismissal.* An officer to whom an appeal is taken shall summarily dismiss any appeal when the party concerned fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal.

A review of the decision reveals the director accurately set forth a legitimate basis for denial of the application. The applicant has failed to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal. Nor did the applicant address or submit any evidence, on appeal, to establish eligibility for TPS and to overcome the director's findings. Accordingly, the appeal will be summarily dismissed.

As always in these proceedings, the burden of proof rests solely with the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.

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[1] The applicant departed the United States on January 10, 2011 and re-entered on November 8, 2011.