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INS Extends New and Renewal Applications Of Temporary Protected Status for Angolans

WASHINGTON – The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) today announced it has extended for one year the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) of Angolans present in the United States.

Under TPS, approximately 3,372 Angolans will be eligible to renew their status. In addition, approximately 3,300 Angolans will be eligible to apply for initial TPS.

The extension of Angola's TPS for new applicants is effective March 29, 2001, and will remain in effect until March 29, 2002. Those who are currently registered under the TPS program must renew their status during the 30-day period from April 5, 2001 until May 7, 2001. Those who fail to renew during this period may still apply for TPS as a new applicant.

For new applicants, the registration period for Angolans under the TPS program is effective and began on April 5, 2001, and will remain in effect until March 29, 2002. Eligible Angolans must have been continually physically present in the United States and continually resided in the United States since April 5, 2001.

Since March 29, 2000, most Angolans present in the United States have resided here under Temporary Protected Status (TPS), a form of protection offered when conditions in a country are determined to be too dangerous or unstable for its nationals to safely return. The TPS designation for Angola expired on March 29, 2001; however, the Attorney General determined that the ongoing armed conflict in Angola continues to pose a serious threat to the safety of Angolans who would be required to return under U.S. immigration law. Therefore, protection from removal was extended for another year. New applicants and individuals who renew their previous TPS status may also renew their employment authorization.

To renew TPS, an Angolan who is currently registered for TPS must file Form I-821, together with Form I-765, by May 7, 2001. There is no fee for a Form I-821 filed as part of the renewal application.

If the applicant requests employment authorization, he or she must submit \$100 or a properly documented fee waiver request with the Form I-765. An applicant for renewal

who does not request employment authorization must nonetheless file a Form I-765 along with the Form I-821 but is not required to submit the fee for either form.

An Angolan applying for TPS as a new applicant must file a Form I-821, together with the Form I-765 by March 29, 2002. Along with the Form I-821, a \$50 fee is required. If the applicant requests employment authorization, he or she must submit a \$100 fee with the Form I-765. Every applicant who is 14 years or older must submit a \$25 fingerprinting fee. An applicant who does not request employment authorization must nonetheless file a Form I-765 along with the Form I-821, but is not required to submit the \$100 fee for the Form I-765. The applicant may also request a fee waiver.

TPS Application Form I-821 and Employment Authorization Application Form I-765 are available free of charge. The forms may be obtained by contacting the INS Form Line at 1-800-870-3676, or downloading them from the INS Web site, www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphic/formsfee/forms/index.htm.

Eligible Angolans should submit their completed application and applicable fees to the INS District office with jurisdiction over the applicant's place of residence.

Angola joins Burundi, El Salvador, Honduras, Liberia, Montserrat, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Sudan as countries currently designated for TPS.