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ACTION MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: S/P

SUBJECT: (SBU) Letters Regarding Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Honduras, Nicaragua, Haiti, and El Salvador

Recommendation:
(SBU) That you approve one of the following options to transmit to DHS the country conditions for each country regarding TPS. You approved the country condition reports on October 27 and are now asked to choose between three different draft letters to DHS or the option to forgo sending a cover letter and instead follow-up with a phone call.

Option 1: (SBU)
Option 2: (SBU)
Option 3: (SBU)
Option 4: (SBU)

Background
(SBU) TPS for Nicaragua and Honduras will expire January 5, 2018; for Haiti January 22, 2018; and for El Salvador March 9, 2018. The DHS Secretary must review and decide whether to extend or terminate TPS designations no later than 60 days before expiration, and intends to make a decision on El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua by November 3, and on Haiti by November 22. DHS requested that the Department provide a report and recommendation on whether the conditions for each country’s TPS designation continue to be met and whether further extension, potential re-designation, or termination is warranted. The country reports have been edited according to your decisions and will be forwarded to DHS per your decision on this memo.

Attachments:
Tab 1 - Cover Letter
Tab 2 - Cover Letter
Tab 3 - Basic Cover Letter
Tab 4 - Country Conditions Report for El Salvador
Tab 5 - Country Conditions Report for Haiti
Tab 6 - Country Conditions Report for Honduras
Tab 7 - Country Conditions Report for Nicaragua

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