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Current Developments in Immigration Law: Terminating Temporary Protected Status for El Salvador

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The Trump Administration has begun rolling back protections for Temporary Protected Status (“TPS”) beneficiaries, most recently for almost 200,000 Salvadorans who fled devastating earthquakes in 2001. On January 8, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen announced her decision to terminate El Salvador's TPS designation, which will take effect September 9, 2019. In addition, similar announcements have been made for Haiti and Nicaragua, while about 40,000 Hondurans currently await their own determination.