From: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services [mailto:uscis@public.govdelivery.com]
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To:
Subject: USCIS Message: Reminder for Foreign Nationals in the United States Impacted by Civil Unrest or Natural Disasters in Their Home Country

Dear Stakeholder,

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) reminds customers that options may be available to foreign nationals in the United States impacted by civil unrest, natural disasters, or other adverse conditions in their home country.

USCIS understands that these situations can affect an individual's ability to establish or maintain lawful immigration status. When requested, temporary relief measures may include:

- Extension and change of status,
- Fee waiver,
- Employment authorization, and
- Document replacement.

For more information, please visit the Special Situations Web page or call our National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.

Kind Regards,
USCIS Public Engagement Division

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Tips for Foreign Nationals in the United States Impacted by Civil Unrest or Natural Disasters in Their Home Country

Conditions in your home country, such as civil unrest or a severe environmental disaster may impede your ability to return home as originally planned or may create temporary financial difficulties for you and your family. Extreme situations beyond your control also may affect your ability to maintain lawful immigration status while in the United States. During these special situations, temporary relief measures may be available to eligible foreign nationals.

If you are a foreign national in the United States who has been affected by civil unrest, a severe natural disaster or other extreme situation in your home country, the available options for which you may apply include:

- A change or extension of nonimmigrant status for an individual currently in the United States;
- Expedited adjudication and approval, where possible, of requests for off-campus employment authorization for F-1 students experiencing severe economic hardship;
- Expedited processing of immigrant petitions for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens and relatives of lawful permanent residents whose priority dates are current; and
- Expedited employment authorization where appropriate.

Visitors traveling under the Visa Waiver Program may contact a USCIS local office for assistance.

For more information on USCIS humanitarian programs, visit www.uscis.gov or call the National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.

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