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Dear Director-General Gminder Scate

Since the start of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, the Czech Republic has shown unwavering solidarity with Ukraine and its people fleeing the war. For the fourth consecutive year, the Czech Republic is hosting the highest number of people enjoying temporary protection per capita in the European Union. Managing this situation – along with the new arrivals not only of first-time applicants but also of people engaged in secondary migration – has steadily strained our capacities and placed unprecedented pressure on national public services.

Following recitals 4, 5 and 6 of Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/1460 of 15 July 2025, which extends the temporary protection introduced by Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382, and the attached statement made by the Czech Republic and Germany, the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic hereby notifies the European Commission, in accordance with Section 3, paragraph 3, of the Act on Certain Measures in Connection with the Armed Conflict on the Territory of Ukraine Caused by the Invasion of the Russian Federation Troops, No 65/2022 Coll., as amended ("Lex Ukraine"), of the risk of exhaustion of national capacities to manage the consequences of a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine.

Against this background, the Czech Republic notifies the European Commission that the measures at the national level will be adopted to ensure a balance between Member States in their efforts made to receive these persons. In practice, this means applying section 5, paragraph 1 letter f) of Lex Ukraine. In other words, an application for a residence permit based on temporary protection may be refused as inadmissible if it is submitted by a foreign national who is or was a beneficiary of temporary protection in another Member State of the European Union or a state applying the Schengen Borders Code in full, after the Ministry of the Interior has sent a notification to the European Commission pursuant to Section 3(3) of the Act.



Please kindly note that this letter is intended for information purposes only, and no reply is expected.

Yours faithfully,

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