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(1) Liberia is redesignated under section 244(b)(1)(C) of the Act. Nationals of Liberia (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who have "continuously resided in the United States" since September 29, 1998, and have been "continuously physically present" since [September 29, 1998, whichever is later] may apply for Temporary Protected Status within the registration period which begins September 29, 1998 and ends on March 29, 1999.

(2) I estimate that there are no more than 10,000 nationals of Liberia (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who have applied for Temporary Protected Status and are, therefore, eligible for Temporary Protected Status under this redesignation.

(3) Except as specifically provided in this notice, applications for TPS by nationals of Liberia (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) must be filed pursuant to the provisions of 8 CFR part 244, formerly 8 CFR 240. Aliens who wish to apply for TPS must file an Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I–821, together with an Application for Employment Authorization, Form I–765, during the registration period, which begins on September 29, 1998, and will remain in effect until March 29, 1999.

(4) The Attorney General has determined that there will be no fee for an Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I–821, filed in connection with this redesignation of Liberia under the TPS program.

(5) TPS registrants must submit a Form I–765 along with Form I–821 as part of the registration process. If a TPS registrant intends to work, he or she must obtain employment authorization. The filing fee for all Employment Authorization Documents (Forms I–765) received by the Service before October 13, 1998, is seventy dollars ($70). On October 13, 1998, the Immigration and Naturalization Service will implement a revised fee schedule and the prescribed fee for all Forms I–765, received by the Service on or before October 13, 1998, will be on hundred dollars ($100). Form I–765 may be submitted without the required fee if a properly documented fee waiver requests in accordance with 8 CFR 244.20, formerly 8 CFR 240.20, accompanies the form.

(6) Information concerning the TPS redesignation program for nationals of Liberia (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) will be available at local Immigration and Naturalization Service offices upon publication of this notice.


Janet Reno, Attorney General.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Parole Commission

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Sunshine Act Meeting; Public Announcement—Pursuant to The Government In the Sunshine Act (Public Law 94–409) [5 U.S.C. Section 552b]

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Department of Justice United States Parole Commission.

DATE AND TIME: 9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 1, 1998.

PLACE: 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 400, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

STATUS: Closed—Meeting.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the open Parole Commission meeting:

1. Approval of minutes of previous Commission meeting.

2. Reports from the Chairman, Commissioners, Legal, Chief of Staff, Case Operations, and Administrative Sections.

3. Discussion and proposal to conform 28 CFR § 2.80 to the Guideline Worksheet Instructions.

4. Discussion and proposal to revise the Procedures Manual, appendix 9, in regard to transfer treaty cases.

5. Discussion and proposal to revise the procedures at § 2.76 regarding reduction in minimum sentences for District of Columbia prisoners.

AGENCY CONTACT: Tom Kowalski, Case Operations, United States Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Applications for Approval of Sanitary Toilet Facilities

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public