## Question for written answer E-000760/2024 to the Council

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Subject: Urgent need to extend the Temporary Protection Directive for Ukrainian refugees fleeing

the Russian invasion

As of 5 March 2025, over 4 300 000 residence permits, issued by various EU Member States through the Temporary Protection Directive to Ukrainian individuals fleeing Russia's criminal invasion, are set to expire simultaneously, without any automatic renewal envisaged.

Moreover, given the current situation in Ukraine and the prospect of a protracted conflict, it is evident that considerable time will be needed to ensure the safety of entire regions littered with mines, unexploded ordnance, and the reconstruction of entire urban centres and infrastructure such as roads and railway networks.

- 1. Given the urgency and scale of this issue, is the Council launching any negotiations among the Member States with a view to extending the application of the Temporary Protection Directive to at least 5 March 2026?
- 2. Is the Council considering proposing that it be possible to extend these residence permits indefinitely, taking a joint approach among the Member States, until the situation in Ukraine allows for the safe return of displaced individuals to their territories, including those who were living in regions illegally occupied by Russia?

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