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Subject: Termination of housing rights for Ukrainian refugees in Hungary

A few days after the Council extended temporary protection for Ukrainian refugees until
March 2026, the Hungarian Government published Decree 134/2024 (amending Decree
104/2022). This decree stipulates that Ukrainian refugees from areas of Ukraine where there
is no fighting will no longer be eligible to receive state housing as of 21 August 2024. As a
result, most of the Ukrainians currently seeking temporary protection in Hungary will have
their rights curtailed and those currently enjoying temporary protection status on the basis of
the Temporary Protection Directive (TPD) face uncertainty about whether or not they will
continue to have a roof over their heads.

1. Can the Commission confirm that this decree violates Article 2 of Council
Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 of 4 March 2022, which does not allow for
different entitlements based on the previous place of residence in Ukraine?

2. Can it confirm that this decree violates article 13(1) of the TPD?

3. What urgent actions will it take before 21 August 2024 to safeguard the relevant
harmonised standards on the basis of the TPD, and to ensure that Ukrainians seeking or
enjoying temporary protection status in Hungary will continue to have access to
housing?

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