



Whereas, Tens of thousands of Salvadorans, Liberians, Sierra Leoneans, and others from countries of conflict have benefited from this protection; and

Whereas, With thousands of Colombians killed every year, hundreds of thousands displaced annually, and thousands of others kidnapped or subjected to extortion, Colombia should qualify for a Temporary Protected Status designation, a view even shared by the Colombian government; and

Whereas, Granting Temporary Protected Status to Colombians in the United States is the only way to provide the protection they so desperately need; and

Whereas, Due to such armed conflict, there exist extraordinarily perilous conditions within Colombia which prevent Colombians from safely returning to their homeland; and

Whereas, Requiring Colombians present in the United States to return to Colombia at this time would pose a serious threat to their personal safety; and

Whereas, The people of the City of New York possess a tremendous humanitarian spirit and have always expressed their solidarity with individuals from other nations who undergo suffering; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the President of the United States and the Attorney General to grant Temporary Protected Status to victims of violence in Colombia who are now living in the United States.