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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 2024¹. 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.

- Can the Commission confirm that this decree violates Article 2 of Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 of 4 March 2022², 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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¹ https://www.szabadeuropa.hu/a/helsinki-bizottsag-konyortelen-es-jogserto-az-ukrajnai-menekultek-ellatasatszigorito-kormanyrendelet/33018891.html.

² OJ L 71, 4.3.2022, p. 1.

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