Council of Ministers extends validity of temporary protection until 4 March 2027

The Council of Ministers adopted Decision No 190/17 of February 2026 to amend Decision No 144 of the Council of Ministers of 10 March 2022 in order to extend the validity of temporary protection for displaced persons from Ukraine until 4 March 2027.

With Decision No 191 of 17 February 2026, the Council of Ministers amended Decision No 642 of the Council of Ministers of 2016, extending the validity period of the already issued registration cards for persons with temporary protection until 30 April 2026. Also, a new sample of the registration cards has been approved, which will be issued by the competent officials.

SAR informed that the re-registration process of Ukrainian citizens who wish to extend their temporary protection in Bulgaria has officially began and the re-registration process will continue until 30 April 2026. In case of inaction for re-registration by this date, the card will be declared invalid and the holder will not be entitled to the rights of a person granted temporary protection. A new registration card for a foreigner granted temporary protection may be issued both after and before 30 April 2026 at the request of the displaced person, beneficiary of temporary protection.

The details for re-registration are available here:
https://aref.government.bg/en/node/1111

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