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Article 1 (Objective) The purpose of this Directive is to establish minimum standards for giving temporary protection in the country of origin and to promote a balance of effort between Member States in receiving and bearing the consequences of receiving such persons.

Article 4 (Duration of temporary protection)

1. Without prejudice to Article 6, the duration of temporary protection shall be one year. Unless terminated under the terms of Article 6(1)(b), it may be extended automatically by six monthly periods for a maximum of one year.
2. Where reasons for temporary protection persist, the Council may decide by qualified majority, on a proposal from the Commission, which shall also examine any request by a Member State that it submit a proposal to the Council, to extend that temporary protection by up to one year.