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march-2028/ agreement, pending formal adoption. Council of the EU - Press release, 15 July 2026 "Today, EU countries agreed to extend the temporary protection status granted to those fleeing Ukraine until 4 March 2028..." "EU countries agreed that temporary protection should be granted only to those complying with their military obligations in Ukraine." "This limitation will only apply to new applicants for temporary protection. It will not apply to those already benefiting from temporary protection in the EU." Next steps "The Council will formally adopt the decision to extend temporary protection in the coming weeks. The decision will then be published in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force the following day." Background: temporary protection had so far been extended until 4 March 2027; over 4 million displaced persons from Ukraine have benefited from protection in the EU since March 2022.