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On 7 July 2015, the JHA Counsellors examined the abovementioned draft Conclusions. On the basis of the discussions and taking into account subsequent written comments from delegations, the Presidency has prepared the revised version of the document as set out in Annex, to be discussed at the JHA Counsellors meeting on 14 July 2015.

The bold/underlined/strike-out characters indicate modifications as compared to the text discussed at the JHA Counsellors meeting on 7 July 2015.

Draft

Conclusions of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on resettling through multilateral and national schemes 20 000 displaced persons in clear need of international protection ~~on the Commission Recommendation of 8 June 2015 on a European resettlement scheme~~

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES,
HAVING REGARD TO:

- the statement adopted by the European Council, on 23 April 2015, agreeing to set up a first voluntary pilot project on resettlement across the EU, offering places to persons qualifying for protection¹;
- the conclusions adopted by the European Council, on 25-26 June 2015, which, in the light of the current emergency situation and of the EU commitment to reinforce solidarity and responsibility, noted the agreement of all Member States to participate including through multilateral and national schemes in the resettling of 20 000 displaced persons in clear need of international protection, reflecting the specific situations of Member States²;
- the conclusions (*"Taking action to better manage migratory flows"*), adopted at the Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting on 10 October 2014, recognising that all Member States should **propose a credible number of resettlement places, on a voluntary basis,** ~~give their contribution to resettlement~~ in a fair and balanced manner, while taking into account the efforts carried out by Member States affected by migratory flows³;

¹ Doc. EUCO 18/15

² Doc. EUCO 22/15

³ Doc. 14141/14

- The Commission Communication on a European Agenda on Migration, presented on 13 May 2015, that, inter alia, defines a set of immediate measures tailored to respond to the human tragedy in the whole of the Mediterranean, and calling the European Union in particular to step up its resettlement efforts⁴.

~~WELCOME~~ **NOTE** the Commission Recommendation **to the Member States**, of 8 June 2015, **on a European** ~~proposing an EU-wide~~ resettlement scheme to **resettle** ~~offer 20 000~~ **displaced people in need of international protection** ~~places~~ for a two-year period⁵,

NOTE the **readiness** ~~intention already expressed by~~ **of**{relevant Associated States} to participate in the ~~above~~ resettlement scheme **in this resettling effort through multilateral and national schemes**,

WELCOME the Commission's proposal to increase by EUR 50 million in the years 2015 and 2016 the amounts available under the Union Resettlement Programme, set out in Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁶,

WELCOME the adoption of the amending budget 5/2015 of the EU for the financial year 2015 “responding to migratory pressures” which foresees an additional amount of EUR 25 million for 2015 under the AMIF Regulation⁷ to implement the European Resettlement Programme,

⁴ Doc. 8961/15 COR 1

⁵ Doc. 9376/15 ADD 1

⁶ ~~Regulation (EU) No 516/2014, of 16 April 2014, of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, amending Council Decision 2008/381/EC and repealing Decisions No 573/2007/EC and No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2007/435/EC, O.J. L 150 of 20.05.14.~~

⁷ Regulation (EU) No 516/2014, of 16 April 2014, of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, amending Council Decision 2008/381/EC and repealing Decisions No 573/2007/EC and No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2007/435/EC, O.J. L 150 of 20.05.14.

TAKE NOTE that Member States will be entitled to receive a financial allocation in proportion of the number of persons resettled in their territory in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 516/2014;

RECOGNISE the importance of the supporting role to be played by EASO in the implementation of this scheme,

RECOGNISE the key role of UNHCR and the substantial contributions by IOM in the resettlement process.

AGREE:

- to ~~the transfer~~ **resettle, as set out in the Annex,** ~~of [XX XXX] 20 000 individual displaced~~ persons in clear need of international protection, **through multilateral and national schemes, reflecting the specific situations of Member States,** on request of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, from a third country to a Member State in agreement with the latter, with the objective of protecting them against refoulement and admitting and granting them the right to stay and any other rights similar to those granted to a beneficiary of international protection **or in case of a State not bound by all or part of the EU asylum acquis the rights foreseen under national law, in line with the Geneva Convention on the Status of Refugees;**
- to **take full account of** priority regions for resettlement including North Africa, the Middle East and the Horn of Africa, focusing in particular on the countries where the Regional Development and Protection Programmes are implemented;⁸

⁸ LV proposes to revise or extend the priority regions.
BG proposes to add “such as Turkey in which significant number of persons from the Middle East region who seek international protection are present.”

- ~~that Member States will be entitled to receive a financial allocation in proportion of the number of persons resettled in their territory in accordance with the lump sums set out in Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 516/2014;~~
- that effective measures must be taken to avoid secondary movements of resettled persons, in line with the EU acquis.

WELCOME the readiness of {relevant Associated States} to participate in this resettling effort through multilateral and national schemes, as set out in the Annex.

Austria	
Belgium	
Bulgaria	
Croatia	
Cyprus	
Czech Republic	
Denmark	
Estonia	
Finland	
France	
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Hungary	
Ireland	
Italy	
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Malta	
Netherlands	
Poland	

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Romania	
Slovakia	
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