

# Civil Liberties Committee Chair, Claude Moraes, regrets EU minister's failure to reach agreement on the migration package

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The Chair of the European Parliament's Committee responsible for migration and asylum, Claude Moraes (S&D, UK), regrets the failure of EU Justice and Home Affairs ministers to reach an agreement on the migration package, including the asylum distribution key, in their meeting in Luxembourg. Mr Moraes calls on EU leaders to make significant progress at the next European summit, on 25 and 26 June, in order to ensure genuine solidarity.

Reaction of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee Chair, Claude Moraes, on the Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting:

"I am deeply disappointed that EU governments have failed to reach an agreement on the migration package including the asylum distribution key, shelving what were essentially modest proposals of 40.000 asylum seekers for the whole of the EU. To leave both Italy and Greece without solidarity and a sense of responsibility sharing is a grave concern. We expect to see significant progress at the Brussels summit next week and further discussions at the end of July where genuine solidarity must be reached", said Civil Liberties Committee Chair Claude Moraes.

"My concern is that if we do not achieve a managed, compassionate and organised approach, we may see retaliatory or more desperate measures by those countries under the most pressure, namely Italy and Greece. It is also deeply unfair to put the greatest burden on those countries who have been participating more than others in resettlement programmes", Mr Moraes added.

## Further information

- Claude Moraes reaction to the Council's negotiating brief on data protection (15 June 2015): <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/content/20150615IPR66464/html/Data-protection-Parliament%E2%80%99s-negotiators-welcome-Council-negotiating-brief>
- Main results of the Justice and Home Affairs Council (15-16 June 2015) : <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/jha/2015/06/15-16/>
- Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/libe/home.html>
- Profile of Claude Moraes (S&D, UK): <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/4519.html>

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