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**SUBJECT:**
(please specify) Implementation of Council Decisions on the relocation of 160'000 asylum seekers from Italy and Greece

**TEXT:**

Two Decisions to relocate a total of 160'000 asylum seekers from Greece and Italy to other EU Member States were adopted during the Extraordinary JHA Council meetings on 14th and 21st of September. As stated in the Commission's Communication (COM(2015) 510 final): "both Decisions require immediate follow up from the EU institutions, the Member States under pressure and the Member States who are committed to hosting relocated people".

However, the same document underlines that, as of 14th of October, "21 Member States have identified national contact points and (...) so far, only six Member States have notified (the) reception capacity they have made available to host relocated people". Likewise, a mere 86 asylum seekers had been relocated until that day from Italy under the new scheme. The 3rd of November, a press release from the Commission underlined that the first relocation flight from Greece with 30 asylum seekers was about to leave to Luxembourg.

We ask the Council which steps it intends to take so that its representatives quickly commit to relocating asylum seekers as soon as possible bearing in mind the urgency of the current humanitarian challenges.

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