Informal Meeting of Justice and Home Affairs Ministers  
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European Asylum Policy, addressing common challenges

I. Migration as a matter of global responsibility

Migration flows, being a phenomenon global in both its causes and its consequences, should become a matter of global responsibility. On 19 and 20 September 2016, we are expecting an important step towards such perspective – the High-Level Meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants followed by the Leaders’ Summit on the Global Refugee Crisis, in New York. Ministers will discuss what elements should be highlighted at the High-Level Meeting and at the Leaders’ Summit as particularly important to the EU.

II. Solidarity within the Common European Asylum System

The Commission’s legislative proposals, both those already adopted and those expected in the nearest future, aim at improving many aspects of the CEAS. One of the leading concepts of the proposals is solidarity. Minister will discuss both, a vision of a unified set of responsibilities assigned proportionally to Member States, and a vision of flexibility, taking into account different capabilities and conditions of Member States enabling them to provide solidarity by different means.

III. Reforming the Common European Asylum System - the way ahead

The package of asylum proposals submitted by the Commission is one of the most important elements of the legislative work ahead. The Presidency’s intention is to manage the work within the Council in an intensive, diligent and constructive way with a view of agreeing on within the Council and engaging with the European Parliament as soon as possible. The proposals should be considered as functional parts of a whole and systemic interconnections between them need to be taken into account. Ministers will discuss how to organise the legislative work on all proposals.