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Delegations will find in Annex the draft Conclusions of the representatives of the governments of the Member States on the Commission Recommendation of 8 June 2015 on a European resettlement scheme suggested by the Presidency for the examination at the JHA Counsellors meeting on 7 July 2015.

Draft

**Conclusions of the representatives of the governments of the Member States
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 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 the Commission Recommendation, of 8 June 2015, proposing an EU-wide resettlement scheme to offer 20 000 places for a two-year period ⁵,

NOTE the intention already expressed by {relevant Associated States} to participate in the above resettlement scheme,

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,

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

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

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.

AGREE:

- to the transfer of 20 000 individual displaced persons in clear need of international protection, 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;
- to 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 implemented⁷;
- 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 acquis⁸.

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