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From:	Presidency
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Implementation of Relocation Commitments

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*Background*

Council Decision (EU) 2015/1523 of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece committed the Member States to the relocation of 40000 people, 24,000 from Italy and 16,000 from Greece. Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601 of 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece entailed the relocation of a total of 120,000 persons in need of international protection.

[As at 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017, a total of 5,001 persons were relocated from Italy, and 11,339 from Greece.]  
The situation in Italy and Greece has not remained static, which means that the number of persons eligible for relocation, i.e. applicants for international protection originating from third countries whose applicants typically have a high asylum recognition rate, does not match the figures contemplated in the respective Council Decisions. As a matter of fact, there are currently around 20,000 asylum applicants eligible for relocation in Greece, and a little less than 6,000 in Italy.<sup>1</sup>

What this means is that, in practice, a little additional effort on the part of all the Member States would enable the European Union as a whole to meet its commitment to Italy and Greece, and relocate all those eligible for relocation.

### *Proposed Way Forward*

At present, approximately 1,000 people are being relocated from Greece per month, which means that by September 2017, the total number of persons relocated would reach 16,400. If the number of relocations were to be increased, with immediate effect, to 2,000 per month, then the total would reach 26,400; meaning that all present applicants, and a number of (currently) prospective applicants would have been relocated.

As regards Italy, there are currently a little less than 6,000 eligible applicants, whilst the current rate of relocations is of 750 per month. At this rate, only a total of 3,750 would be relocated by September 2017. If this rate were to be increased to 1,500 per month, then a total of 7,500 applicants would be relocated, i.e. all currently eligible applicants as well as a number of (currently) prospective applicants.

The Presidency considers that such an increase in the number of relocations is achievable, particularly as the pertinent systems in Greece and Italy are now up and running.

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<sup>1</sup> Tenth Report on Relocation and Resettlement and the Annex to the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council (COM (2017) 202 final)

*Information to be provided by Member States*

In view of the foregoing issues, Member State delegations are being requested to answer the following questions:

1. How many applicants for international protection will you be relocating from Greece and Italy over the coming five months (May-September) and how many will you be relocating per month?
  2. Do you plan to relocate unaccompanied minors as part of your quota? Is there a specific number of unaccompanied minors you are planning to relocate?
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