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Subject : Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down standards for the reception of asylum seekers (recast) [**first reading**]  
- Adoption  
(a) of the Council's position  
(b) of the statement of the Council's reasons  
- Statement  
**COMMON GUIDELINES**  
**Consultation deadline for Croatia: 5 June 2013**

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**Statement by Slovenia**

Slovenia wishes to express its concern over some provisions of the Directive for it believes they could have a negative impact in practice.

While acknowledging the necessity to establish an effective asylum reception system aimed at ensuring the rights of asylum seekers and meeting the specific needs of vulnerable persons, we must also provide for an effective means to tackle the abuse of the asylum system.

Slovenia believes some of the provisions lack the necessary balance. In particular: the arrangement of detention, especially with regard to the restricted conditions to apply detention as provided for in Articles 8 and 9, treatment and accommodation of persons legally staying in the EU and not being formal applicants for international protection in asylum facilities. According to Slovenian understanding persons legally staying in the EU and applying for international protection should be not be subject to any material and reception conditions provided for in the Directive.

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